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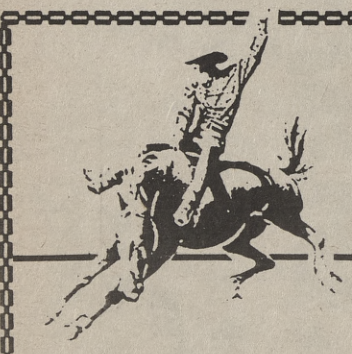

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SUPREME COURT AGREES TO DECIDE GAY CASE

The Supreme Court will decide whether the sexual activities of consenting homosexual adults are constitutionally protected.

The justices will review a Georgia prosecutor's appeal of a ruling that, if upheld, could strike down the sodomy laws in about half the states. Their ruling is expected in July 1986.

The court has not issued a detailed ruling on the rights of homosexuals since 1967, when it said aliens found to be homosexuals may be deported as people "afflicted with a psychopathic personality."

Michael Hardwick, a self-described homosexual, was arrested by Atlanta police in 1982 on charges of committing the crime of sodomy with another man in his home. Hardwick sued Georgia officials in 1983, even though prosecutors had decided not to seek an indictment against him. His suit sought to have the sodomy law declared unconstitutional.

Lesbian Gains In CIA Case

Ms. Julie Dubbs, who is a lesbian, has won court permission to continue her lawsuit against the CIA. Ms. Dubbs claims the CIA denied her security clearance because of her sexuality.

U.S. District Judge Eugene Lynch denied a motion by the government to dismiss the suit on the grounds that security clearances are an executive-branch matter outside the authority of the courts. He said in his decision: "(The Constitution) does make the president the commander in chief of the military, and it also gives him power to make treaties and appoint ambassadors. But that is hardly a grant to the CIA of unfettered discretion to ignore the civil rights of the United States' citizens."

Ms. Dubbs, a technical illustrator, sued the CIA contending that it has an across-the-board policy of refusing security clearances to homosexuals. She claims that denial of a CIA security clearance prevents her from getting more lucrative jobs.

In a letter she received in 1981, the CIA said Ms. Dubbs' homosexuality raises serious doubts about her reliability and her susceptibility to compromise by a hostile intelligence service. "Certain hostile intelligence services regard homosexual behavior as a vulnerability which can be used to their advantage."

Ms. Dubbs claims that the CIA's reasoning does not apply to her case because she is openly gay and therefore not susceptible to blackmail. She has asked the court to declare the CIA policy on gays unconstitutional and to order that her security-clearance application be reconsidered.

GAY DIRECTORY RELEASED

Gay International, Inc., publishers of ***The Gay Areas Telephone Directory***, has released their eighth edition of the Directory.

The Directory covers east- and west-coast gay areas and many cities in between, with alphabetical and classified listings.

Copes are distributed through major advertisers, popular gay bars, and gay distribution centers. Copies by mail are $5 from PO Box 14752, San Francisco, CA 94114.

Promising AIDS Findings

According to an official of the U.S. National Cancer Institute, a new class of compounds called dideoxy nucleosides, which are designed to fool the AIDS virus, has produced promising results in preliminary tests involving about 30 patients over the past several months..

Dr. Robert Gallo who is chief of the Institute's Laboratory of Tumor Cell Biology announced: "Many people with AIDS have had complete restoration of their immunological function and a great deal of clinical improvement."

The new class of compounds is being tested by Dr. Samuel Broder, the Institute's clinical director, and Dr. Dani Bolognesi, associate director of Duke University's Cancer Center.

GAY POLITICIANS ATTEND HISTORIC SUMMIT

Recently in West Hollywood (a city in California where the majority of the City Council is homosexual), a weekend summit meeting of homosexual politicians and elected officials from the national and the international scene ended with a pledge to fight for gay rights to adopt children and to obtain legal recognition for partners they live with.

The Conference of Lesbian and Gay Elected and Appointed Officials and Prospective Candidates was attended by about 150 homosexual men and women including Chris Smith, a member of Britain's Parliament; Minnesota state Rep. Karen Clark; Boston City Council Member David Scondras, Minnesota state Sen. Allan Spear; Laguna Beach City Councilman Bob Gentry; Harry Britt of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors; Santa Cruz Councilman John Laird; and West Hollywood Mayor John Heilman.

The group also voted to send a letter to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, urging scientists to tackle the AIDS epidemic with a multiple strategy that includes increased funds for education and research about the fatal disease.

Gay Marine Wins Discharge

After a five-month fight over whether or not he was homosexual, a gay U.S. Marine has been honorably discharged from the service. Sgt. Rolf T. Lindblom's initial request for discharge for homosexuality was disapproved due to inadequate justification.

Lindblom appealed the disapproval. He maintained that by providing more adequate justification he would be subjecting himself to the possibility of a court-martial. He said: "What they're asking is for me to make official statements that I have practiced homosexuality and committed sodomy. If I were to make those statements, they could court-martial me and destroy the character of my discharge."

However, according to Major Bill Wood, director of public affairs for the 4th Marine Division: "All we're trying to do is make sure the homosexual issue doesn't become an easy way to get a discharge."

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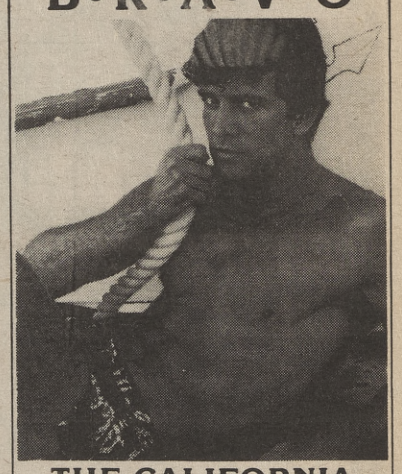

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Music And Poster Contests For Gay Games II

There will be contests to select the theme music and official poster of Gay Games II which will be held in San Francisco in August 1986. The contests are open to gay artists throughout the world.

The theme music which is selected for the Games will be performed at the culmination of Closing Ceremonies.

Compositions will be judged by a panel of professional musicians from bay-area performing groups. The winner must agree to grant performance rights to San Francisco Arts & Athletics, with further use to be negotiated.

For the specific rules of the music contest, contact Katherine Krebs, Director of Ceremonies, 207 Day Street, San Francisco, CA 94131.

The Fine Arts Poster Contest will culminate in a major exhibit of gay artwork during the week of the Games. The top three finishers will be invited to show more of their artwork during this juried exhibit.

The artwork which is submitted must be 16" x 23". Overall size of the posters, including borter, will be 22" x 31". Artists should consider the major themes of Gay Games II.

The posters will be reproduced in full color on heavy stock. All posters will credit the artist and his/her hometown. They will be distributed in gay communities throughout the world.

Artists should study the Official Rules carefully before submitting entries. Origininal artwork must be received at the Gay Games office by February 1, 1986. For complete Rules and Entry Form, write or call: Poster Competition, Gay Games II, 526 Castro Street, San Francisco, CA 94117; telephone (415) 861-8282.

Transvestite Thieves Caught!

A notorious five-man gang of thieves whose members dressed up in sexy women's clothes to rob dozens of trucks, shops, and even banks were recently apprehended in Mexico City.

The Mexican police said the gang was led by "Carol" and "Pamela." Carol's real name is Carlos Rodriquez Gracia; Pamela's is Pablo Flores.

Over the past few years, the gang netted $300,000 from armed holdups in Mexico City. The two leaders would flirt with truck drivers, shopkeepers, and bank tellers before pulling guns or knives from their beaded handbags.

The Next Logical Step

by Bob Cook

(An Interview With Congressman Robert Dornan)

California Congressman Robert Dornan says he is trying to save lives by closing gay bath houses.

The GOP lawmaker recently amended an AIDS appropriation bill to allow the Surgeon General to close bath houses and massage parlors. The legislation does not specify gay businesses, but Dornan's target is clear.

"I maintain that the nation's blood supply would never have gotten as polluted as it did (with AIDS) to kill that nun, to kill these kids, if the baths had been shut down."

The Republican from Orange County in southern California also said that if the AIDS epidemic continued to increase after the baths were shut down, then the closure of bars would be the next logical step.

He denies that he is anti-gay. However, it is difficult to accept this position when he says that gay bathhouses are to the gay community what massage parlors are to prostitution.

"Let's face it, the only reason they get away with staying in business is that they are whore houses. They get away with it because they are giving it away. So the male prostitutes are out on the streets, like Selma Blvd. in Hollywood, because they cater to the homosexuals that are in the closet, but the younger males, that are in the high risk category, are in the baths giving it away, which takes away the aspects of whoring."

Laughter was the congressman's reaction to the safe-sex campaign that bathhouse operators are using to educate their customers how to avoid AIDS. Dornan indicated he thought that bathhouses were a rediculous place to educate people on health issues.

(The above article was written following an interview with Congressman Robert Dornan. The interview will be part of a special report that the writer is producing for KTXL TV.)

Gays In Drag Persevere In Hawaii

Well, after weeks controversy, the "Miss Gay Molokai Pageant" finally took place recently in Hawaii.

When plans for the pageant, which featured gay men in drag, were first announced, Hannibal Taveres (mayor of Maui County) called it "unwholesome and inappropriate" and went on to say "I am convinced it will divide the island and create a lot of unhappiness." He refused to grant a permit and allied himself with a Baptist minister similarly opposed.

Organizer William Kaaihue thereupon enlisted the help of the ACLU, which took the mayor to federal court and won. Kaaihue announced that "Molokai is indeed 'the Friendly Isle.' Part of that friendly spirit is our long tradition of tolerance of people who are different."

Kaaihue also noted the pageant's cultural contribution. "What we want to do is put on something different. We've seen too many 'Miss Teenage' and 'Miss Keiki' shows.

$5000 GRANT AWARDED

The Chicago Resource Center recently awarded a $5000 grant to the Voter Research Foundation to assist in its study of the nationwide gay vote.

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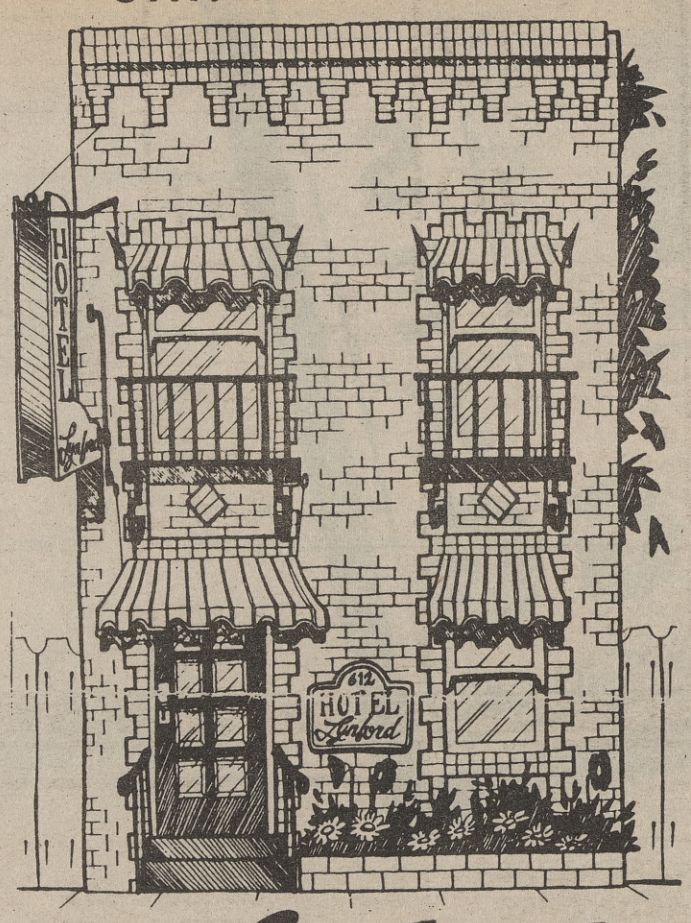

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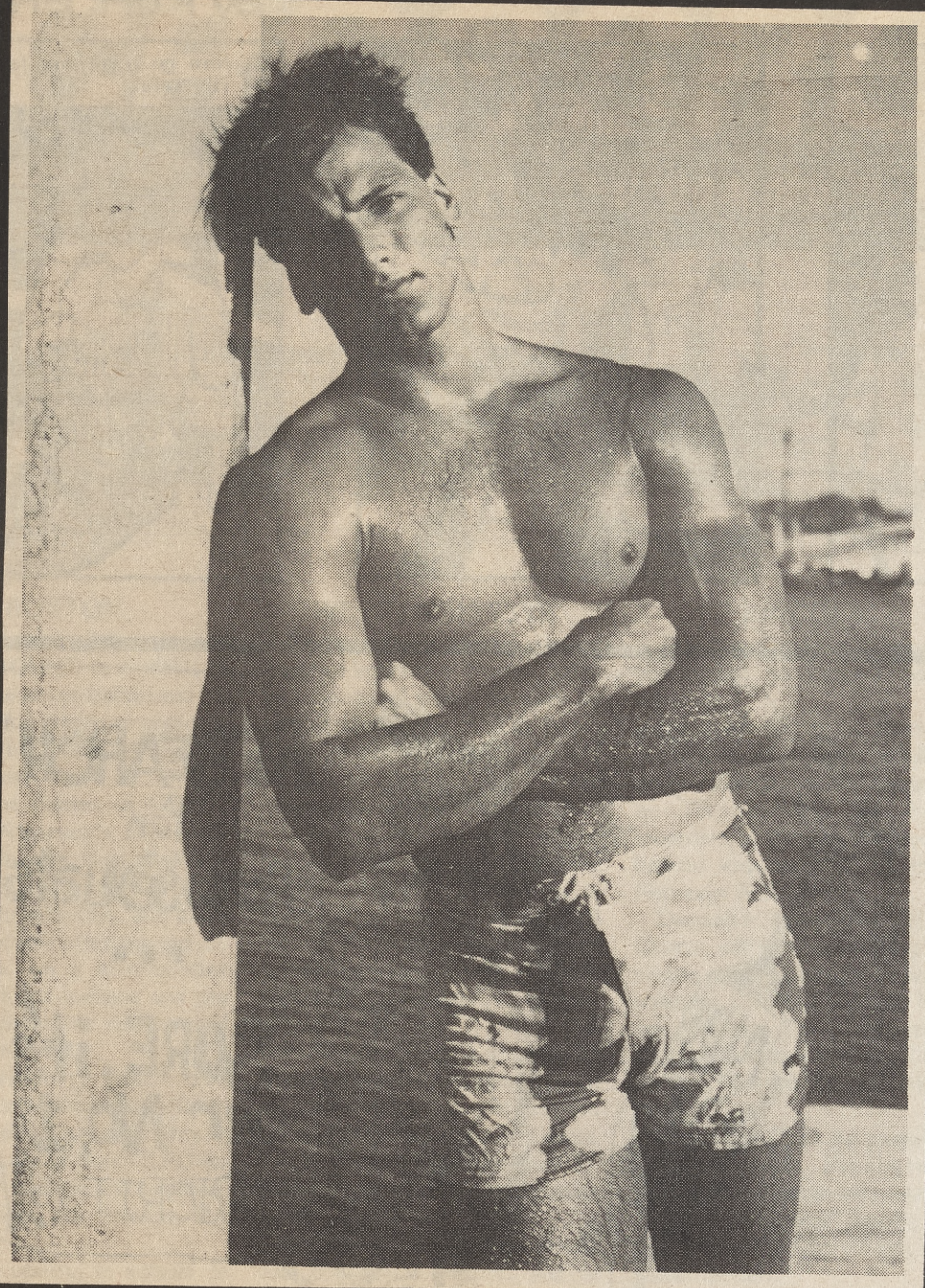

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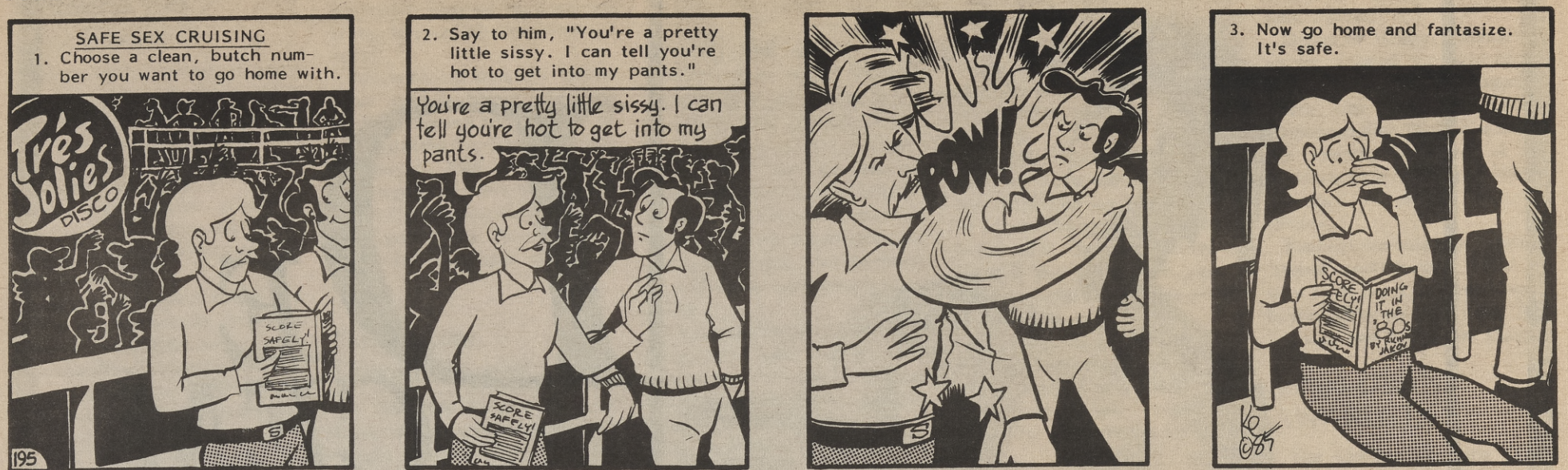
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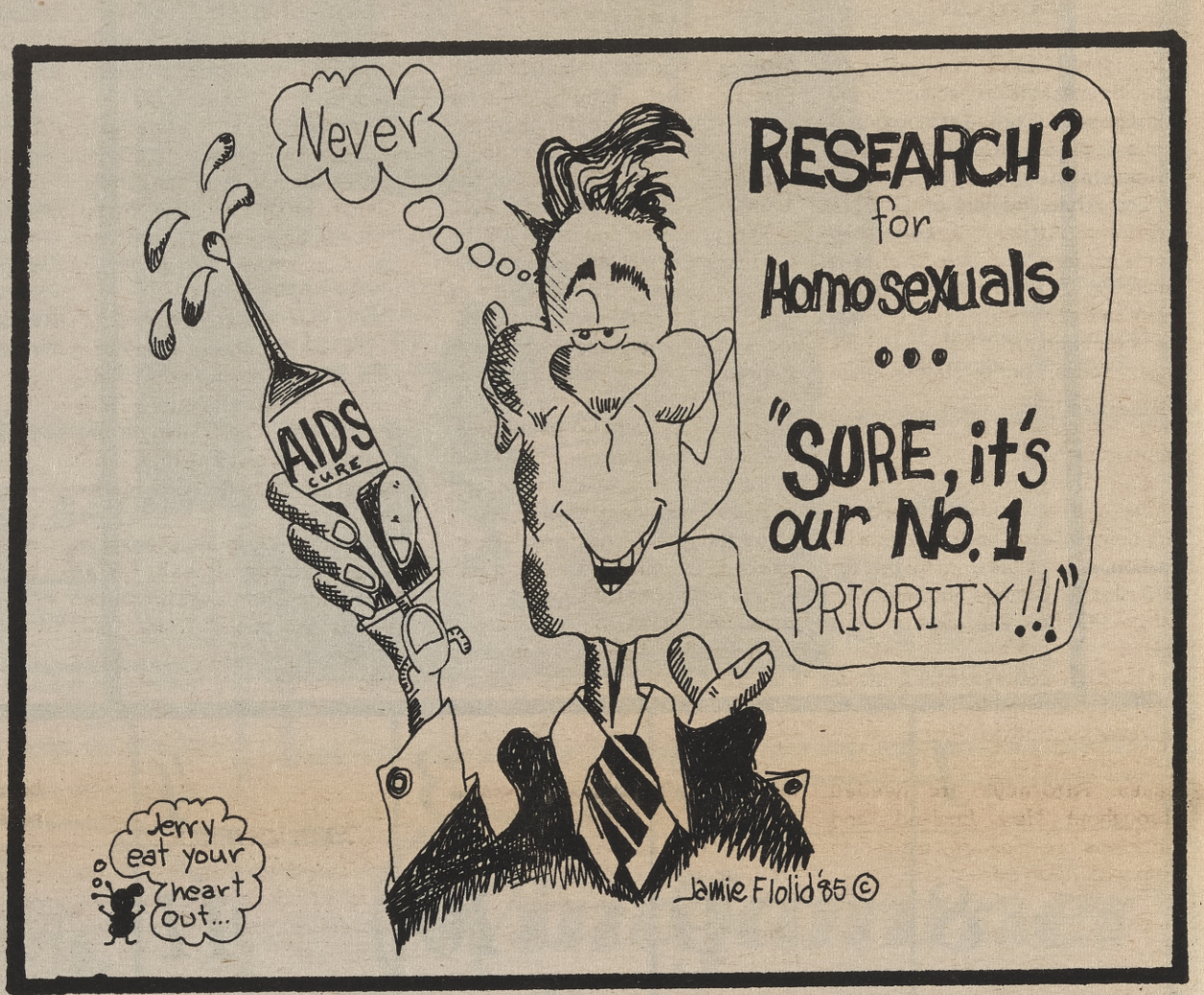

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The ***Directory***, which also serves as a networking tool for lawyers doing lesbian- and gay-rights litigation, is available from GLAD for $10 plus $2 postage and handling. Write PO Box 218, Boston, MA 02112.

GLAD is seeking to expand its pool of cooperating attorneys to increase its ability to assist more gay men and lesbians on civil-rights cases. Attorneys are needed throughout New England, and attorneys are especially needed to help with AIDS-related legal work.

WEST LAFAYETTE

A researcher is proposing to the National Institute of Mental Health that a national survey be done for men at risk because of AIDS. So far, major studies have looked at only a handful of cities. The rest of the country has not been focused upon.

The proposed research will be the first national assessment of the needs of men at risk because of AIDS. The national survey will focus on (1) gay men who have symptoms that have been labeled as "pre-AIDS," "lesser AIDS," or "prodromal AIDS"; and (2) men at risk who think they have been exposed to the AIDS virus, or asymptomatic gay men who are extremely anxious about the disease, death and dying, loss of dignity, and/or loss of social/-economic/emotional support associated with AIDS.

The survey will be anonymous and confidential. Results will be shared with the community. Men who would be willing to serve as volunteers for the research are needed. The project will begin in July 1986.

For more information, contact Dr. Robert Norton, 401 Heavilon Hall, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907, telephone (317) 494-3316.

LINCOLN

The River City Mixed Chorus has announced its current holiday schedule:

December 15, in the afternoon, the Chorus will present its full holiday presentation, including planned accompaniment by harp, recorders, and piano. All proceeds beyond expenses will go to the Nebraska AIDS Project.

December 20, at 6:30 PM, the Chorus will be one of many area singing groups joining in the holiday music at Omaha's Western Heritage Museum. The 30-minute program will be followed by the Chorus caroling through the Old Market area.

December 22, in the evening, at Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church, the Chorus will present an "open to the public" holiday concert. This is the Chorus' first major public concert.

SPRINGFIELD

Robert Libby, 43, has filed suit in federal court charging that University of Massachusetts officials denied him tenure because of the controversial nature of the course he teaches at the school. Experts say that the case reveals the current anti-sexual movement now occurring in American society.

Libby was hired by the university six years ago, as an associate professor, to develop a program (within the school's home economics department) for the study of the family. He claims he was not able to develop the program as he wished because he was not given adequate resources. He also says university officials decided not to give permanent status to his course entitled "Sexuality and Sex Roles."

DALLAS

Enserch Corporation, a holding company for several energy-related firms (including Lone Star Gas Company, the major gas utility in North Texas) is apparently the first company in the nation to order AIDS testing for workers or applicants. The company views the testing program as a prudent way to protect its 1,250 employees from contamination in the cafeteria and executive dining room.

Reaction to the decision of the major Dallas company to order applicants and some employees to submit to an AIDS test may serve to discourage other companies from following suit.

Public-health officials as well as gay leaders have decried the move as "a panic reaction," calling it "inane" and "bizarre."

Enserch began testing last month and fired a 28-year-old gay waiter after the AIDS test began. The company says the man was not fired as a result of the testing. The fired employee said his supervisor told him that although he did his job well, he did not fit the "Enserch image."

REDONDO BEACH

A South Bay rap group which is called "Open Doors" holds meetings every Friday evening from 8-10 PM at 2000 Artesia Blvd. in Redondo Beach.

"Open Doors" is a discussion group fro gay youth, 23 and under, sponsored by the Temenos Youth Outreach Program of the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center. The group will periodically have guest speakers and social activities with other rap groups.

For more information on this and other rap groups throughout Los Angeles County, call (213) 464-7400 ext. 248.

NORTHRIDGE

Unity, a new rap group for lesbian and gay youth, meets every Sunday evening 7-9 PM at the Newman Center, 17809 Halsted in Northridge. The group is sponsored by the Temenos Youth Outreach Program of the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center.

Young gays, women and men 23 and under, are invited to participate in discussions of special interest. Periodically the group will have guest speakers. Social activities will be coordinated with other rap groups.

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ALBUQUERQUE

Two conservative State Senators plan to introduce a bill outlawing homosexual practices in New Mexico.

State Senators Caleb Chandler, a Democrat from Clovis, and Billy McKibben, a Republican from Lovington, say they will introduce such a bill to control AIDS.

The gay community reacted quickly to the announcement. Russell Gray, President of the New Mexico Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance (NML/GPA) aid criminalizing homosexual acts would be discriminatory and might contribute to the spread of AIDS by forcing gay men to hide their sexual orientatin by engaging in sexual relations with women. He also emphasized that such a measure would be unenforceable without unreasonable intrusions into the private sexual lives of all citizens.

HOLLYWOOD

The International Gay and Lesbian Archives plans to produce a series of educational tapes on the different aspects of the gay community. Some of the subjects to be covered include:

"Sexual Identity"; "Dealing With Self-Hatred"; "Homophobia"; "Resources"; "History Of The Lesbian/Gay Movement"; "Role Of Lesbians In The Struggle For Women's Equality"; "Diverse Lifestyles And Cultures In Our Community"; "Age-ism"; "People Of Color And Their Roles As Gays And Lesbians In Their Communities"; "Discrimination"; "Gays, Lesbians And Religion"; "Lesbians And The Law"; "Lesbians, Gays And The Medical Industry"; "Lesbians, Gays In Sports"; "Lesbians, Gays In The Arts And Entertainment"; "Lesbians, Gays In Literature"; and "Lesbians, Gays In The Military".

For more information, write the Archives, 1654 North Hudson Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90028, telephone (213) 463-5450.

ALTA LOMA

Roots, a new chapter of Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International, has been formed in the Pomona/San Gabriel Valley. It is a support group which features speakers, discussions, teen raps, and family socials.

The group is open to all gay parents, co-parents, their children, and gay people who are considering parenthood. The organization meets the first and third Tuesday of the month.

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LONG BEACH

by Jack Warren

"Back to the bushes," is the cry being heard in Long Beach and throughout Southern California as the County Board of Supervisors again consider the controversial issue of closing the gay baths. The Association for Civil Rights, The Sherwood Foundation, and many other gay health and political organizations have mounted a letter-writing campaign to help keep the baths open.

The board of directors of Municipal Elections Committee of LA (MECLA) announced
10 their support for closing the baths and called for bathhouse owners to voluntarily close their doors. The response of other gay leaders was immediate, voluminous, and almost unanimously contrary. Charges have ranged form "irresponsible" to "idiotic" and include charges that the position was taken for personal political gain and that the general membership was not consulted. According to a founding member of the Business and Professional Association who wrote a comprehensive response in ***Edge***, "The most frightening message to the general public is that gay people are not responsible enough to act in a sexually responsible manner. MECLA sends an equally erroneous message to the gay community, that staying out of the bathhouses is the way to fight the disease—illogically focusing on location rather than on conduct."

THe address for all five of the county supervisors is County Hall of Administration, 500 W. Temple, Los Angeles, CA.

On other subjects: The Tiki Hut at 9042 Garden Grove Blvd. in GG is open again with a new owner and a new look inside. The Executive Suite at 3428 Pacific Coast Hwy is celebrating its third anniversary in December...congrats! Lil Lucy's at 1200 E. Broadway in LB is now opening at 8 AM on Sat. and Sun. with J.C. tending bar. Be there at opening and get your second drink free.

WEST HOLLYWOOD

The West Hollywood branch of Veterans C.A.R.E., a national organization of gay and lesbian vets, co-sponsored a parade with the City of West Hollywood on November 10. There was participation by many mainstream vet groups, including the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, and the Phillippino-American Veterans Association.

Following the parade, there was a patriotic program which featured several bands and the Los Angeles Gay Men's Chorus.

EAST LANSING

The Lansing Association for Human Rights (LAHR) has selected its officers for the 1985-86 term. They are as follows: President, Gary Zick; Records Officer, Bill Haines; Financial Officer, Mike Perrone; Civil Rights, Bob Lundy; Social, Bruce VanKersen; Supportive Services, Tom Mooney.

Two offices remain vacant: Communications and Education. The organization seeks volunteers for those positions. In the meantime, the existing officers will perform the needed functions, such as Newsletter and health issues.

For more information, write LAHR, 855 Grove Street, East Lansing, MI 48823, telephone (517) 332-1611.

PHOENIX

The theme of the Second Desert States Lesbian and Gay Conference will be "Pride in Diversity, Strength in Unity." The event will be held in Phoenix on April 4, 5, and 6, 1986.

The Phoenix Conference will provide an opportunity for gays in the desert states to develop a regional political identity.

There will be workshops during the 3-day conference which will address personal and political concerns of the gay community. Also, addresses by prominent speakers (and social events) will be scheduled.

For more information, write David Lilly, c/o Arizona Lesbian and Gay Task Force, PO Box 1405, Tempe, AZ 85281 or call (603) 241-9404.

CARSON CITY

A challenge to a Nevada law barring homosexual conduct has been rejected by state District Judge Mike Fondi.

The Judge ruled against four anonymous gay people. They filed the lawsuit against Nevada Governor Dick Bryan as part of a nationwide effort by the National Gay Rights Advocates of San Francisco to overturn such laws.

The lawsuit claimed that a 1911 Nevada law prohibiting private sex between persons of the same gender amounted to a deprivation of constitutional rights.

Judge Fondi said the plaintiffs lacked standing to bring the suit because "they have never been arrested or prosecuted or threatened with prosecution" for violations of the 1911 law against homosexual acts.

LOS ANGELES

The Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center board of directors has selected Boston activist Eric E. Rofes to become executive director of the 14-year-old agency.

Rofes (author of ***I Thought People Like That Killed Themselves*** and ***Socrates, Plato and Me***) has served on the boards of the Massachusetts Committee for Children and Youth and the State Department of Social Services. He was also a founder of the Boston Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance.

CLEARLAKE

by Bill Mooney

The frost is on the pumpkin at the Lake. The Cabaret held its second annual Butch Award Party and the winner was Dona from the Blue Fish Cove Resort. Dayle was the second-place winner. It was fun and the next time you stay at the Cove, tell Dona congrats.

The New Year will be here soon and those planning a trip to the Lake should make reservations early. The winter rates start at $20 per person and deposits should be sent early. Blue Fish Cove has a great package deal—three nights for the price of two. Also the Lake Place has midweek specials.

The Cabaret will have their New Year's Party starting around 9 PM.

The Cracked Skillet is still offering after-hours breakfast on the weekends and does a great job.

Remember to call the resorts for the New Year's Party. Blue Fish Cover (707) 998-1769; Lake Place Resort (707) 998-3331; Starlite Resort (707) 998-3232; and Vacation Harbor Resort (707) 998-3202.

Come visit us at the LAKE.

HOUSTON

In Houston, incumbent Mayor Kathy Whitmire recently won an easy re-election to a third term in a militantly anti-gay campaign fueled by the AIDS scare. Eight conservative Christian candidates for the City Council attempted to take city government away from the incumbent mayor and city council members whom they regard as pro-homosexual.

In a setback, the anti-homosexual Straight Slate failed to capture any of the 14 City Council seats at stake. However, in two races, enough votes went to the Straight Slate candidates to force a runoff. One of the runoffs will involve Anthony Hall, the councilman who proposed a gay-rights ordinance that was rejected by votes in January.

INDIANAPOLIS

Two Indiana religious groups have endorsed a gay-rights bill after several months of lobbying by the bill's supporters.

The Indiana Council of Churches and the Jewish Community Relations Council decided to support legislation opposing discrimination because of sexual discrimination in the areas of housing, employment, and public accommodations. Another Jewish organization—the Indiana affiliate of the New Jewish Agenda—earlier had decided to back the legislation.

MODESTO

The Stanislaus Gay Alliance (SGA) is a support group for gay people and their friends. The group needs volunteers to help with the newsletter, form a dance committee, and serve on SGA's advisory committee.

For more information, write SGA, PO Box 5163, Modesto, CA 95352.

JACKSON

The Mississippi Gay Alliance was recently granted a charter from the state government with the assistance of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. The state originally denied the request because the word "gay" appeared in the organization's title.

BURBANK

Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich said recently during a TV program that he thought it would be in the best interest of gays to become heterosexual.

Antonovich, chairman of the state Republican Party, believes homosexuals should change their sexual behavior because of the AIDS epidemic.

Antonovich, calling AIDS a public-health issue, thinks if homosexuals became heterosexuals there would be a reduction in the cases of AIDS in the United States.

Gay leaders and many Republican politicians criticized Antonovich for his comments.

Representative Robbi Fiedler, R-Northridge, who is expected to run for Democrat Alan Cranston's Senate seat in 1986, said, "It's really unfortunate that he knows so little about AIDS. With his contention, he doesn't recognize the fact that the result would be merely a further spreading of the disease."

Bruce Decker, chief of Governor Deukmejian's AIDS task force, called the statement "a very serious error in judgment for Mike Antonovich to attempt to cynically manipulate the AIDS tragedy for his own political profit."

PICO RIVERA

The latest issue of 'BRAVO,' The California Latin Male Calendar 1986, has been released. It is the second year that the calendar has been available.

A picture of each model was taken on one of California's beaches.

For further information or copies ($7.95 each which includes postage and handling), write to Zambo Productions, PO Box 771, Pico Rivera, CA 90660.

OKLAHOMA CITY

Gay-rights activists won two important victories in the Oklahoma legislature recently. An anti-gay amendment was deleted from the state's new Fair Housing Bill before the governor signed the legislation, and a proposed rider to another bill requiring day-care centers to investigate the "sexual preference" of employees was killed in committee.

NEW YORK

A New York gay veterans group is suing the city and the American Legion for discrimination because the organization was denied permission to mark in the November 11 Veteran's Day parade.

The Gay Veterans Association charged that banning them from the parade violated Mayor Edward I. Koch's executive order prohibiting discrimination based on sexual preference and denies the organization the right to free speech.

This was the second year that the Association sought to march with their fellow veterans. An American Legion spokesman denied that his group was discriminating against the gay vets, even though the parade invites participants from all veteran's organizations.

CINCINNATI

A support group for parents who have children has been started in Cincinnati. Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG of Southwest Ohio) believes parents have much to offer one another, since they share many of the same experiences and feelings. The group seeks to help parents understand and accept their children's orientation.

For further information, call (513) 475-6731 or write PFLAG, PO Box 19231, Cincinnati, OH 45219.

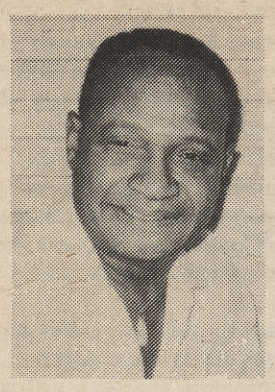
POET'S CORNER

End of Autumn

by Sean Bailey

It tore my heart
To leave you standing in the park
Alone among the russet leaves,
But I could not endure
Your open pain, nor mine.
It was not the gift
I know you wished of me
Nor one I willing gave,
But trust we grew to share
Forbade the gentle lie
Behind the lips.
There was no need of speech.
Unvoiced, you knew.

My thoughts and feelings tumbled
Like the silent leaves
While you declared for me a bond
Beyond my need.
I knew the words before you spoke
And flushed, ashamed to know
I'd not been man enough to whisper
Sometime, quietly, before
How fondness for you and affection
Were but measures of a special love
Reserved for friends.
My pain is sorrow for what must be lost
For both of us.



ERNIE BROWN

VIEWS FROM RIVER CITY

I hope everyone survived Thanksgiving. But the season has just begun; there is more to come. First of all, I would like to congratulate Allie & Katy on their "Make A Wish Fundraiser." It was an entertaining evening & a very worthwhile benefit...THE PATLAR GAZETTE's annual party was also highly successful and entertaining. My hat's off to Candy Del Rey for winning the "Miss Patlar 1986," and to Danny Wyatt for winning the "Mr. Patlar 1986." A percentage from this benefit went to the AIDS Foundation...I think the highlight of the fundraisers for November was "The Art Attack Auction" held at the WRECK ROOM. It was a Sacramento first and a highly successful one. The WRECK ROOM, the staff, the directors Dexter & Russ, all deserve a standing ovation. I am happy to report that over $4000 was raised that night for the AIDS Foundation...As you can see, November was a busy month. But wait, let me tell you what December has in store for you...First of all, The WRECK ROOM is having their annual "Toys For Tots" Christmas party on Wednesday, December 11 in the PM. That same night will be Christmas tree decoration. So not only bring a toy for a tot, but also bring an ornament for the tree. If you do, draft beer will be free for you that night. As for their New Year's Eve party, well, champagne will be flowing-...Moving right along, Ernie & Bobbette will host their fourth annual Christmas party & buffet, Monday December 16. This is a biggy for MCC's Christmas baskets. So everyone who attends this event will have to bring food (canned or otherwise) or a toy. Last year we made up about thirty-five Christmas baskets for the needy, which were distributed by MCC...On December 17 don't forget to go to CLEO's to play BINGO! (You will be playing for a Christmas turkey.) Also on Sunday, December 22, CLEO's will have a "Charles Dickens Formal Christmas Party." Doors open at 6 PM...Now for the ROSE. On Christmas Day, they'll be having a Christmas Party. They are also planning a big New Year's Eve Party. Both parties will be announced with proper details a little later. Stop and take a look at their downstairs dance bar; it has a fresher look these days...BO JANGLES/SCANDALS ill be having a big New Year's Party. $5 charge. All you can drink from 6 til 10 PM. Strip Show at 11 Free champagne at midnight. "Grab A Balloon" for over $1000 in cash prizes. Also an "After Hours!"...The BUFFALO CLUB will be closed most Christmas Day, but will open at 6 PM with all of your favorite Christmas drinks. They will be serving champagne New Year's Eve...FACES is planning a big New Year's Eve Party. Watch their bulletin board for details...ONCE IN A BLUE MOOM is also planning both a big Christmas Party & New Year's Eve Party. Check with them for details...I hear that THE WESTERN is also going to be very festive during the holiday season, but I don't know any details. Check with them...In the meantime, while you are out shopping, stop by MILDRED'S and have a bite to eat. They are located in the MERCANTILE SALOON, 11 AM to 3 PM. They are turning out some beautiful gourmet dishes. Their "Mildred's Hamburger" has a delightful flair. BEAU's out at SCANDALS/BO JANGLES is still turning out those good Sunday brunches & evening dinners...I think we have a lot of festivities to keep us busy for the month of December. So on that note, enjoy. I wish each and every reader of mine a Very Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year. And, remember, happiness sneaks in through a door you didn't know you left open.

HOROSCOPES FOR THE HORNY!

by Dr. Pat Larr

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21): Since Santa knows if you've been good or bad, it won't hurt you to be a little bad for goodness sake. Besides, Santa gives extra points to people as humpy as you.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20): Joint ventures get you throbbing with excitement New Year's Day. If the rest of the year goes like this, you'll be out of gas by income-tax time.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 18): You start off the New Year with a bang, and isn't that your favorite way? A new love convinces you to break those New Year's resolutions, and won't you be glad you did?

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20): Beware of Jack Frost nipping at your booze. He may look like Mr. Right, but get a second opinion when he's sober.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20): Play it safe with that seemingly "Fail-Safe Mr. Right." Compromising positions could prove costly later.

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21): You'll be singing, "God! Rest Ye Merry Gentleman!" when a high-living stranger proves his staying power mid-month.

GEMINI (May 22-Jun 20): Home for the Holidays! You find yourself in your favorite place, but then you always did love chestnuts roasting on an open fire.

CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22): Holiday week brings a bundle of choices. Make a list and check it twice. You're sure to find someone who's naughty, but nice.

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 23): Sure, people think you're dizzy, but while visions of sugar plums may dance in your head, the Holidays find you doing a torrid tango with the Sugar Plum Fairy.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 22): Like a kid at Christmas, you love to be toyed with, and that special someone tinkers with your toys like no one else does. You're sure to start the New Year off with a bang.

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 23): Just because you'd rather hear the jingle of a cash register than the jingle of bells, people call you Scrooge. Proving them wrong will prove a real Christmas Carol.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22): Beware of a mysterious stranger who longs to trim your tree. Although he may admire your ornaments, tell him you like them the way they're hanging.

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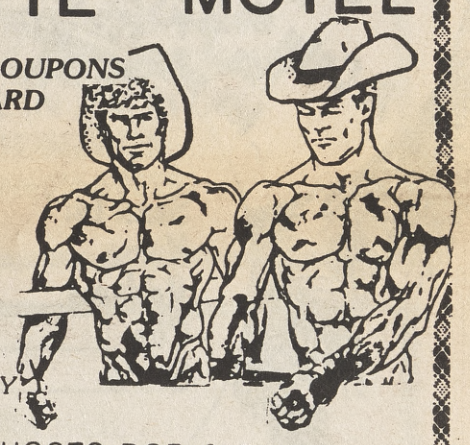

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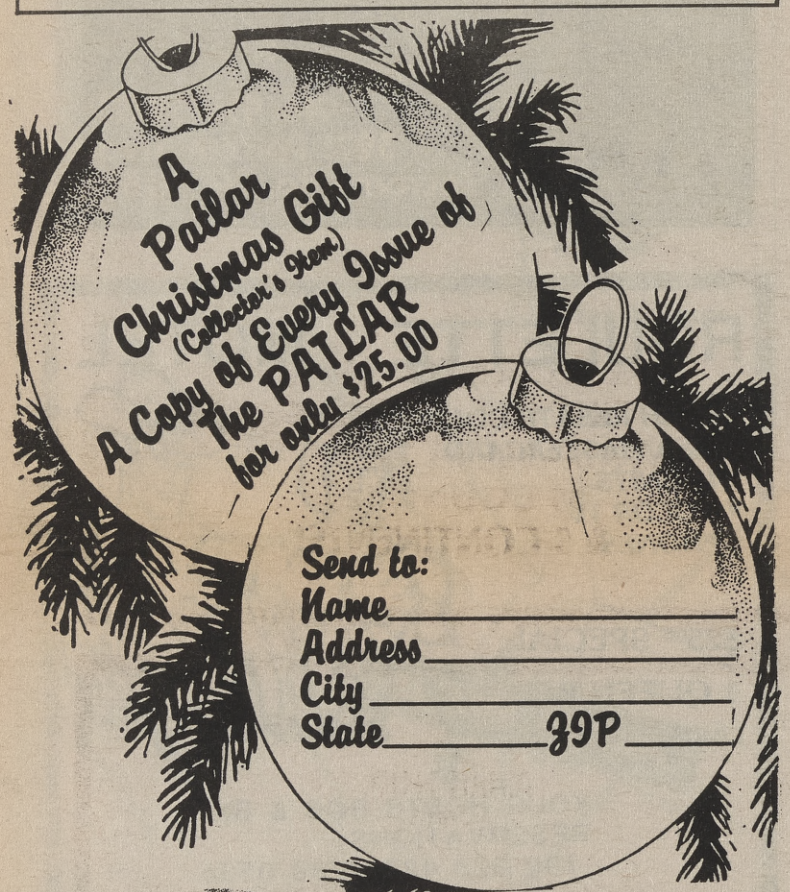

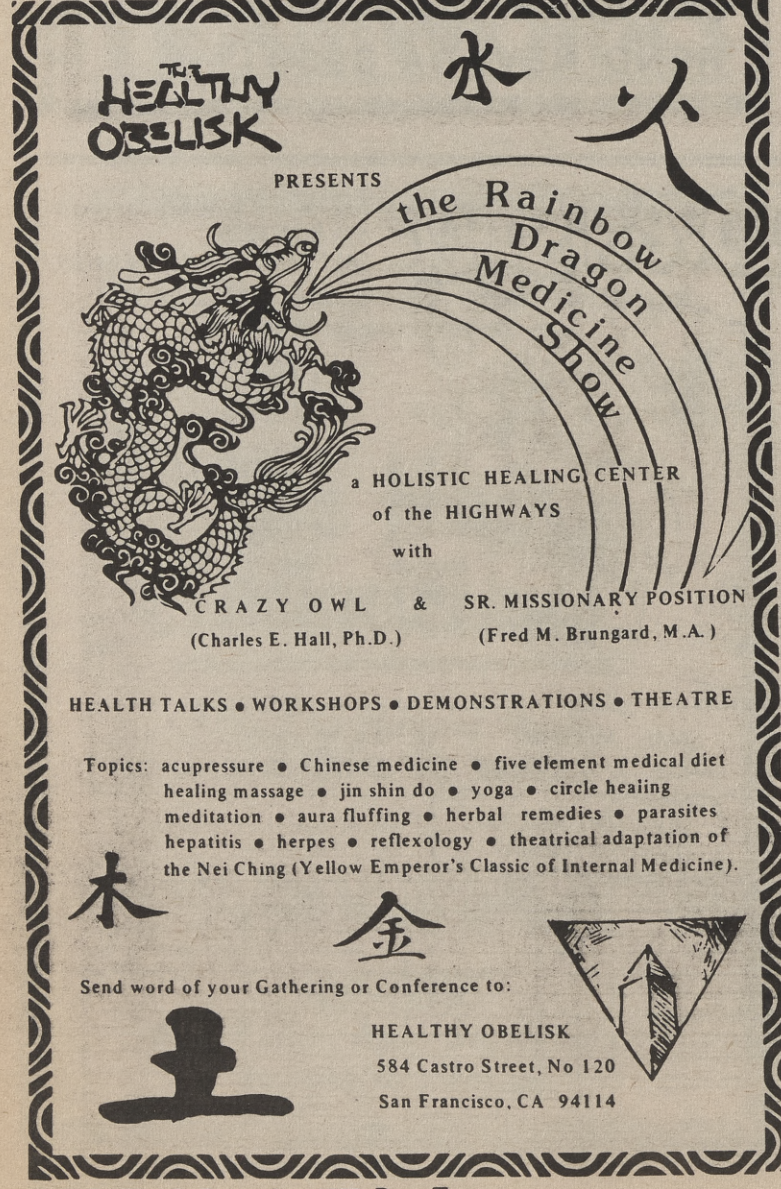
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Christmas Cockies

(Yield: 4 dozen)

Honey, these are the Christmas cookies we were born to eat! Make the yuletide gay, and make these:

Preparation Time
(45 min.)
Baking Time
(9-10 min. a batch)

Ingredients:

½ cup butter, softened
½ cup shortening
1 cup confectioners' sugar
1 egg
1½ teaspoons almond extract
1 teaspoon vanilla
2½ cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon red food coloring
½ cup crushed (Oooh! How butch!) peppermint candy
½ cup granulated sugar

Preparation:

1. mix together the butter, shortening, confectioners' sugar, egg and flavorings. Mix it up well, doll.
2. Mix in the flour and salt.
3. Divide your dough in half; mix the food coloring in half the dough.
4. Preheat your oven to 375 degrees.
5. Mix the peppermint candy and granulated sugar together.
6. Take a teaspoon of dough from each half. (Now, the fun starts!) With the white teaspoon of dough, form two small balls! With the red teaspoon of dough, form one small cock! Press the balls lightly onto the cock, positioning them properly. With a toothpick, poke a hole in the top of the cock.
7. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 9 to 10 minutes till set and very lightly browned. (Oooh!)
8. Sprinkle immediately with candy mixture. Remove from baking sheet.

Yule's Balls

(Yield: 4½ dozen)

Fifteen men on any man's chest! Ho, ho, ho and a bottle of rum!

Preparation Time:
(1 hour)

Ingredients:

1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar
1½ Tablespoons sifted cocoa
¼ cup white corn syrup
6 Tablespoons dark rum
3 cups crushed vanilla wafers
1 cup chopped walnuts
Additional confectioners' sugar

Preparation:

1. Mix together the confectioners' sugar and cocoa.
2. Add the corn syrup and rum and mix well.
3. Add the crushed wafers and nuts and mix well.
4. Using about 2 teaspoons for each, shape into ball!
5. Roll your balls in additional confectioners' sugar.
6. Store your balls in an airtight container!

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KENTUCKY

Kentucky is nicknamed the Bluegrass State, a term associated with thoroughbred-horse breeding and racing for which the state is practically synonymous. It is also a land of legend and legendary heros: Abraham Lincoln, Daniel Boone, Zachary Taylor, Henry Clay, George Rogers Clark, Stephen Foster, Jefferson Davis, and many others. Latterday giants of a somewhat different persuasion include Muhammad Ali and the late Colonel Harland Sanders. The Presidents of both the Confederacy and the Union were born here, and Kentucky remained a border state during the Civil War, but probably became more sympathetic to the southern cause after the War was over.

You can tour two of America's larget tobacco companies, Philip Morris and Brown & Williamson, or visit the world's most famous bourbon whiskey distillers: Old Taylor, Brown-Foreman, Ancient Age, Seagrams, Old Fitzgerald, and Jim Beam. Oddly enough, with all the booze bottled here, about half the counties in Kentucky are Baptist-Belt dry. But, of course, that doesn't apply to the two largest metropolitan areas, Louisville and Lexington.

Louisville, with a population of 400,000 is known as the "northern border of southern hospitality." The three gay bars here are situated within easy walking distance of each other in "Old Louisville." Open until 4:00 AM, they are best on weekends. Badlands Territory at 116 E. Main gets some hot-looking jocks downstairs and has disco dancing upstairs Thursday thru Sunday. The Downtowner at 105 W. Main has a disco and primarily caters to women downstairs. Upstairs is The Loft, a "hot" cruise bar for western, levi, and leathermen.

There are no gay eateries, unless you want to include the Steak'n Eggs on S. 4th. But for good straight restaurants, try Casa Grisanti, Kunz's, The Dutchman, The Atrium at Hasenaour's, Flagship, Sixth Avenue, or The Oak Room at the newly restored Seelbach Hotel.

Lexington, with a population of 200,000 is the second largest city in the state, and is only about eighty miles east of Louisville. It is the real heart of the "Bluegrass Country," and horse fans will want to visit Keeneland Race Course, Kentucky Horse Park, and the Kentucky Horse Center. History buffs may want to see Ashland, Henry Clay's palatial home, and the Mary Todd Lincoln House. Nearby is Frankfort, the small state capitaol.

I stay at Howard Johnson's, the Rodeway Inn, or elegant new Hyatt Regency Louisville, all within easy walking distance of the bars.

The three major gay bars are within easy walking distance of the downtown hotels. The two top discos, especially weekends, are Brezings at 234 E. Short Street and The Bar at 224 E. Main Street. Both have bars downstairs and discos upstairs. Next door to Brezing's, where you will find many hot men, is the Leather Works, a shop catering to all your fantasies. The Bungalow, at 121 Mill St., is a small downtown cruise-and-conversation bar with an equal number of men and women. Lexington bars close at 1:00 AM, but The Circus, a private disco at 2240 Idle Hour Shopping Center, welcomes gays on Sundays and afterhours when the other places are closed.

For listings in Bowling Green, Covington, and Paducah, see the '86 Address Book.

Louisville has always been a great city. But watch out because Lexington is really catching up; and with new urban development, it is becoming a terrific place in its own right. It is not surprising that the visitor to Kentucky will be rewarded. Its gifts are generous, including beauty, variety, and a large helping of hospitality. I don't know about you, but personally those sparkling eyes and friendly smiles get me every time.

(For more detailed information, pick up a copy of the BOB DAMRON ADDRESS BOOK '86, America's foremost travel guide, available at most better bars, baths, and bookstores throughout America. Or send $14 to BOB DAMRON ENTERPRISES, INC., PO Box 14-077, San Francisco, CA 94114. Also available is the SPARTACUS International Gay Guide for $22.)

Capitol Hill Report

by Nancy Roth
(Executive Director, GRNL)

Gay families have no legal status. But there are things we can do to protect ourselves and our loved ones.

Yes, gay people form families. No, these families are not legally recognized. Yes, there are steps we can take to protect ourselves. The following advice comes from gay/-lesbian legal organizations and was presented recently at our National Gay/Lesbian Leadership Forum.

Write a will. Consult an attorney when you do. If you don't draft a will, all your property goes to your birth family. NGRA has an excellent pamphlet on wills—540 Castro Street, San Francisco, CA 94114.

Powers of attorney are very powerful. They may govern money and/or health matters in case you become sick or incapacitated. Be sure to have them carefully drawn up. The powers covered vary from state to state. In those states where it is possible, you may want to give a lover or friend health-care power of attorney. If this is not done, your birth family is able to overrule your lover in making health decisions. The AIDS Legal Guide, available from LLDEF, 132 W. 43d St., NY, NY 10036, discusses many of these issues as they relate to AIDS.

Family partner benefits (eg, insurance coverage for spouse through employer) are not usually available to gay/lesbian families. This is an area where local legislative action, work through unions, or with local insurance companies is needed.

Gay parents. One-third of the lesbians and one-fourth of the gay men over 18 are parents. If you are currently married, don't make a decision to leave your partner and take or leave the children until you have consulted an attorney. Three good resources available from Lesbian Rights Project, 1370 Mission, 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103 are:

Recognizing Lesbian/Gay Families

Lesbian Mother Litigation Manual

Lesbian Mothers and Their Children

Children. If you choose to have children with your gay/lesbian partner, options include adoption, fostercare, and donor insemination. Local laws govern these options. In general, make sure you have medical consent forms for both co-parents, develop a legal co-parenting agreement, and in the case of donor insemination, a donor agreement. LRP has an adoption and fostercare project that is documenting rules and regulations that govern these options. They also offer a resource entitled **Legal Issues in Donor Insemination.**

Sexual Orientation and the Law, available from the National Lawyers Guild, 1609 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20009, is an excellent compendium of law as it relates to our lives. Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, PO Box 218, Boston, MA 02112, keeps a national list of lawyers who are knowledgeable about matters that affect gay/lesbian people and are willing to help.

The National Gay/Lesbian Leadership Forum meets three times per year and is sponsored by the Gay Rights National Lobby/Right to Privacy Foundation. For more information, contact us at: GRNL/RPF, PO Box 1892, Washington, DC 20013.

"Jerry's Jewels"

by Jerry Pietrosewicz
(President, PETRASTER, INC.)

THE PRECIOUS METALS

The old saying that "a lack of knowledge is a dangerous thing" is very true the minute one walks over the threshold of a jewelry store. It also could be quite expensive. In this and following articles, I hope to increase your knowledge a bit. So, the next time you're looking for a diamond tiara, or just a simple wedding ring, you won't be susceptible to suggestion (unless you want to be!).

Today I intend to clear the very cloudy air about the precious metals. Man has been mining silver and gold for centuries. Fine gold pieces of jewelry have been found in the excavated ruins of Ur in Mesopotamia dating from 8000 B.C. In the University Museum, Philadelphia is a beautiful statue made of wood, gold, and lapis lazuli dating from 2600 B.C. It consists of a billy-goat standing at a golden tree, his head exquisitely carved from lapis, his body encrusted in gold. It is said to be an offering piece to the gods of Ur.

Gold certainly has played a large part in the history of mankind from the beginnings of time to the present. Only recently, however, has man started to grade the quality of his gold. Pure gold is 24 karat, "karat" being a measure of fineness. Twenty-four karat is fine for the gold bars at Fort Knox, but it makes poor jewelry. (God help you if you wear a 24-karat gold piece of jewelry on a hot day at the beach!)

The ancient refining methods weren't so good as ours today. Whether on purpose or by accident, most ancient work in gold contained trace elements in it which helped it to retain its shape over the centuries. Our jewelry today bears other elements in the gold also. "Twenty-two karat" is the purest form of a feasible jewelry gold. Most pieces bearing this moniker (as required by law) come to us from the Orient, especially Thailand. If you can find a goldsmith in the U.S. who works in 22 karat, hang onto him (or her) very tightly, for s/he is a rare craftsperson!

Most American high-end jewelry is 18-karat gold. (By "high end" I mean the carpet in the store is at least three inches thick, and when you walk in they make you feel like you don't belong there. This gold is usually mixed with silver to achieve the 18-karat fineness. Then come the lesser-quality metal gradients of 14 karat, the most popular grade, and 10 karat, which is usually made into class rings.

Colored gold is produced by alloying the metal with others. To produce red, copper is used. A combination of cadmium and silver produces green, iron creates blue, nickel or palladium make white, and aluminum or zinc make purple. "Gold-filled" means the article must be at least 1/20 by weight of gold, stated as "1/20 12k gold-filled" which means "junk" to me; but it is pretty and it does LOOK like gold.

"Pure silver" is supposed to be 99.99% pure, but most pure silver available is around 99.5%. "Sterling" implies 92.5% or "925 fine." Coin silver is 900 fine and anything less than 900 fine can't be considered to be, and indeed it is against the law to call it, silver. Federal law prohibits any plated items being called silver, though silver plating is OK.

All fine silver tarnishes after time, mainly due to the formation of a black oxidized coat. This can be polished off, but often the silver article is plated with rhodium, a related metal of platinum. It will prevent oxidation, it does not affect the value of the article, but it looks cheap.

Speaking of platinum, it is the toughest of the jewelry metals. It's harder than gold and consequently harder to work with, but it is excellent for securing fine gems. I can always tell a good diamond from a diamond of lesser value simply by looking at the setting. If the prong setting (or bezel) is platinum, the stone is worth ogling a bit longer. There are several related platinum-type metals. One of these is rhodium. Also there is iridium, osmium, palladium, and ruthenium. All are used extensively in jewelry.

If you are looking at some platinum jewelry and want to blow the jeweler's mind, just ask him what KIND of platinum it is. He'll probably get rather indignant or he'll have a whole lot more respect for you. If he doesn't know, all platinum alloys are marked as to their composition. For example, "0.600 plat., 0.350 irid." (Translated 60% platinum, 35% iridium, and 5% something else.)

All jewelry must be stamped according to law. DON'T BUY ANY THAT ISN'T! Look for, in gold: 18kt., 14kt., or 10kt. In silver: 925 Fine or .925 Sterling. Platinum will have the percentage indicated. A common ruse of "antique dealers" when confronted with the fact that the jewelry in question has no hallmarks is a reply that "It was made before they did that." This, my friends, is bisonry.

Next month, I will attack the January birthstone, garnet. There is one kind of garnet which is a very good investment. Want to know more?

GRANDFATHER'S CUPBOARD

by Charles E. Hall, Ph.D.
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(This column is dedicated to acquainting its readers with the contents of our grandfathers' cupboards: the old-time foods, herbs, and exercises which our ancestors used to keep themselves in good health.)

Co-ops
In Your Neighborhood

Cooperative ventures have been around for a long, long time—probably before private ownership, boards of directors, and stock markets. Cooperatives are characterized by being controlled by the people who do the work rather than bosses or absentee owners. Cooperatives are not part of the capitalistic system and are immune to the whims of an ignorant owner. The people who work there every day are the ones who make the decisions.

During the recent hippie era, some people realized that American agr-business is destroying our food. Elaborate processing of foodstuffs and the addition of chemicals were removing nutrition from foodstuffs and replacing it with poisonous flavor enhancers, artificial colors, and chemical preservatives.

The hippies recognized a need for a new kind of grocery store that sold unpolluted food. From this need, the current cooperative food distributors were born. Now, some 15 years later, there is an extensive network of these cooperatives.

There are two kinds of cooperatives, city and country. The city cooperatives which started in the late 60s have grown into full-sized grocery stores. The country cooperatives have grown also because the hippies went back to the land and needed good food too. What

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this is about is the country cooperative and what it can do for you.

The country cooperative I know best is Magnolia Co-op Warehouse centered in Atlanta. It is typical of the ones I know elsewhere. Magnolia sends huge trucks out into the surrounding countryside: Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, and Florida. When I first knew them in 1975, they went into central Virginia, Mississippi, and West Virginia too. Nowadays there have grown up new cooperatives which service Florida and the Virginias.

Co-ops sell unchemicalized and unprocessed foods. All their flours are whole grain (except for the germ part). Whole-grain flours are seldom available from agri-businesses. Magnolia has many flours: barley, brown rice, buckwheat, corn, millet, oat, rye, soy, triticale, pasty (soft wheat), and bread (hard wheat or simply whole wheat). They also have the whole grains that these flours are ground from in case you like to grind your own, as I do.

These grains and flours are also available either as organic or chemical-fertilizer grown.

They have lots of other foodstuffs, too, except for fresh vegetables, although these are occasionally available. Magnolia carries 15 kinds of honey, four grades of maple syrup, four kinds of molasses, 14 kinds of miso and tamari, an incredible variety of fruit juices, dried fruits, spices, flavorings, and eight kinds of seaweeds. More variety than you can imagine.

The best part of it is that most co-op warehouses are very picky about what they sell. When they call something organic, it is because they went to the place where it was grown and checked it out. The words 'natural foods' means what they say here. The cheeses are not by Kraft, but are real cheese. In supermarkets, 'natural' and 'organic' are words printed on a package to help sell the contents and nothing more. Government agencies regulate the use of these words, but make exceptions for needy corporations. Co-ops use ordinary English and ordinary meanings, not the government-approved versions.

Here's how the co-ops work. About ten to twenty households get together once a month to make up a shopping list. In Dowelltown, TN, they meet in a member's living room or at Short Mountain Sanctuary. In Bakersville, NC they sometimes meet at Running Water Farm. The people go over the order forms and decide what they want. Sometimes three or four households will split up a 100-pound bag of cornmeal or a 12-jar case of salsa or a 30-pound case of dates.

At the end of the meeting, the order is totaled and called in to Atlanta. About two weeks later, the Warehouse truck stops at a central location (a park in Dowelltown) and drops off the goodies where someone picks up the stuff and takes it home. Within the hour, the truck is on the road again to Cookesville or Birmingham.

The household people get together that evening and divide up the order.

And the prices you would not believe! I have regularly bought items at one-third of supermarket prices. Organic Thompson seedless raisins are $1.49 a pound. Organic whole-wheat flour is 28 cents a pound. Organic short-grain brown rice is 60 cents a pound, in 25-pound bags. Aged cheddar cheese for $2.79 per pound. Swiss cheese aged and made from raw milk is $2.72 a pound. You can't even buy the chemicalized stuff in supermarkets for these prices.

How do they do it? Well, the don't have to put gas in the owner's yacht or pay dividends to stockholders. Besides, they are dedicated to an idea: good food at reasonable prices.

You can't buy white sugar at a cooperative warehouse.

Here are some addresses to write for catalogs and details.

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These are just a few of them; there must be 20 of them between the Atlantic and the Pacific. If you don't know which one serves your area, write Ozark or Magnolia for information.

So get together with your faggot sewing circle or some of your straight friends and start finding out what tastes good, is priced right, and is safe to eat.

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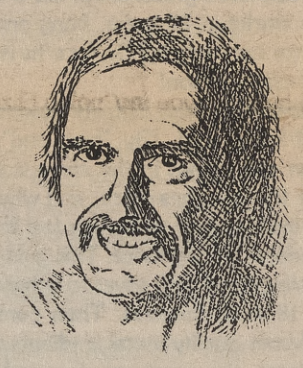

WHAT IS SAFE SEX?

Sex is not meant to be **safe**.

If that seems a deflating way to begin speaking to the complex problems that sex has always held for all of us, it is meant to be. The simple fact is that sex is, and can be, many things; but it is never safe. For heterosexual people, there has always been this reality simply because any sexual interchange between opposite sexes carries with it the possibility—wonderous or awful—of pregnancy. Even the Catholic Church, with its definition of certain "safe" periods for heterosexual intercourse, would agree that even these times are not fully safe.

Even the development of more highly effective methods of birth control has not eliminated all unintended conceptions. And, the development of the miracle drugs may have brought cure for most common sexually transmitted diseases, but none of those drugs has made sex safe.

There is no way devised which makes sex safe from the possibility of disease, physical harm, pregnancy—and most recently—AIDS.

What, then, are we to do now? Fear of AIDS potentially threatens everyone—man, woman, child, heterosexual or homosexual. What is the lesson in the seeming plague for all of us—not just the homosexual population? What new possibilities are there for all of us in this which seems such a terrible evil? Surely we know that behind anything that seems to carry the face of evil there is an opposite side of good, if we will only permit ourselves to be open to that.

The lesson is, surely, that we must become CONSCIOUS! The appearance of the dread virus is demanding that every single one of us take a fresh look at how we view ourselves and how we handle ourselves in the world. In particular, it is asking us to look, searchingly, at how we relate to one another, and in particular, how we deal with each other as sexual beings.

There is a lovely song, by the pair who simply call themselves Joseph and Nathan, which suggests that we should "treat each person as if he were the Messiah." This human being is or can be a manifestation of the Son (or Daughter) of God, and I will respect him or her as such. Or, as Baba Muktanada used to say: "See God in each other."

Does this mean that we give up sex? It may. Indeed, in many more cases than we have in the past, we will choose not to connect sexually with that other, but rather to connect even more deeply as brother, sister, friend.

But what if we *do*? It means, quite simply, that our joining with all other beings on the planet must now be guided by love and concern, by the desire for loving, trusting, supportive and caring connection with that other being. It means that whatever the nature of our connection, it will

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SAFE SEX?

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be engaged in ***responsibly***.

When we begin to experience our responsibility in all our dealings with others, not only will our sexuality be transformed, but we will have begun the process of our own transformation or enlightenment.

We will discover that when we permit ourselves to connect with love with any and all other human beings with whom we come into contact, the quality of their lives will change and the quality of our own as well. Not only will we enter into the sexual embrace out of caring and love, but we will enter into ***every*** encounter informed by love and concern—whether it be our morning greeting to the postman or the coffeeshop countergirl or our boss or the beggar on the street. We meet in love!

Once love has begun to inform all our actions, all our dealings, all our encounters and connections with others, we will be—not safe—but ***responsible*** human beings! That is the most that we can ever hope to be. It is enough.

None of this is meant to demean any of the many "safe-sex guides" that are increasingly available! We urge all of you to obtain such guide or guides and to follow their instructions. As responsible human beings, we have an obligation to be informed and to remain conscious.

Our every act has ripple effects and influences many thousands of times beyond that of which we are aware. We ignore the urgency of our responsibility in all things at the risk of our own, and other, lives!

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HOT WAX MUSIC REPORT

by Jeffrey Wilson

DIONNE, STEVE, GLADYS & ELTON:

They're Singing To Fight AIDS!

"I told Burt (Bacharach) I wasn't going to sing any more duets. I've dubbed myself the *Duet Queen*," says **Dionne Warwick** explaining the situation in her own amusingly inimitable style. This was the story-like description with which Ms. Warwick conveyed how she, **Gladys Knight** (Columbia), **Stevie Wonder** (Motown) and **Elton John** (Geffen) came to record "That's What Friends Are For."

Dionne was given a demo of the tune on cassette by Bacharach and his songwriter/wife Carole Bayer Sager for consideration as a duet. While Warwick preferred only a solo recording she was willing to listen artistically for the other possibility. After a few days the artist and writers aspired to an alternative: a trio! After more consideration the three were in agreement that this novel approach had been successfully recorded by Kenny Rogers, Kim Carnes and James Ingram, a combination difficult to eclipse. "How 'bout a quartet," they tossed at each other; hence: Dionne, Stevie, Gladys and Elton divided the vocal chores.

In her most splendid mock-drama style Warwick admits not wanting to 'give up' the song for any charity when approached by Liz Taylor "because I knew this song would rake in so much money, honey." However, in all heartfelt seriousness Dionne said, "but I gladly gave up the money for two reasons. One, I believe in what Elizabeth Taylor is trying to do by raising a million dollars for the American Foundation for AIDS Research because we have to end this ugly disease. And two, how can you say 'no' to Elizabeth Taylor?"

This is great! Singers and songwriters tied to so many memories in our lives through the 60s, 70s and 80s. Stars most of the world holds in high esteem and they're donating their time and incredible talents to help raise money to save our lives, wow!

Warwick recently debuted the AIDS benefit tune in concert during a tour with the **New American Orchestra** while in San Francisco. The four-time Grammy Award winning Arista recording artist has been a member of the *Foundation for New American Music* which has maintained the orchestra since its inception in 1978.

Through an amazing repertoire that spans three decades it becomes quite apparent that "We Are The World" and "That's What Friends Are For" are Dionne Warwick's most beloved concert performances over any of her countless number of gold records. Arista Records has rush released the single which will be among the tracks on Warwick's latest (and seventh) album for the label entitled *Friends*.

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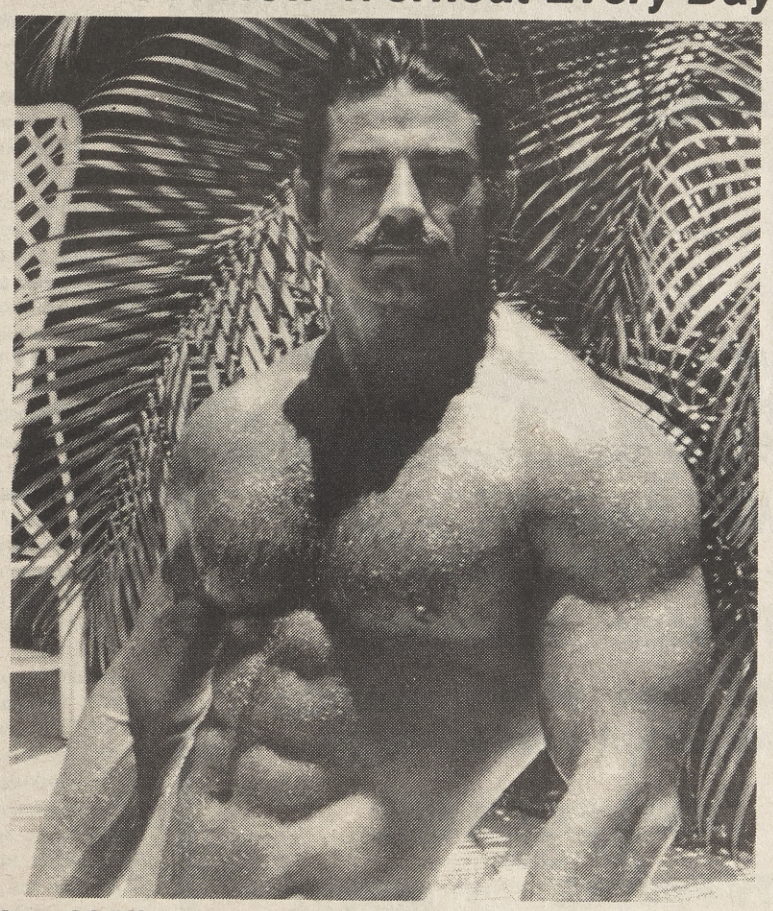

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DRUG ABUSE AS THE CO-FACTOR IN AIDS DEATHS

"A CDC Coverup or More CDC Bungling?"

by Stanley E. Berg

Perhaps nothing is more frightening to gays than the possibility of a deliberate attempt by the federal government to blame gay men almost exclusively for the spread of the retrovirus associated with the condition called AIDS when in fact it was most probably a fluke that AIDS first surfaced in the gay population of the United States. It is even more alarming to think that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) ignored the almost too obvious link between drug abuse and AIDS deaths.

While the jury is still out as to whether the CDC was actively involved in playing politics with the lives of gay men or not, it is evident that the CDC at the least is guilty of being ignorant of the fact that many gay men live in the "fast lane" of life. Are those living in the "fast lane," abusing drugs and alcohol, primarily responsible for the retrovirus known as HTLV-III turning into a killer?

Wouldn't it be fascinating if the HTLV-III retrovirus were no more deadly to the average human than the Hepatitis-B virus? Wouldn't it be astounding if we learned that most of those with AIDS are dying because the long sought after co-factor associated with AIDS deaths is alcohol and drug abuse? This article is intended to examine those very possibilities.

This article is also intended to stand as an indictment against the hypocrisy, homophobia, and ignorance that is rampant in the federally controlled Centers for Disease Control.

"Drug Abuse Linked To 79% Of AIDS Cases"

Startling information was published in the WALL STREET JOURNAL on October 24 which indicated that at least 79% of all AIDS cases in this country were linked to drug abuse. One analysis of 87 homosexual and bisexual patients by Dr. Harry W. Haverkos, then of the CDC, found that 97% of the patients had used oral "street drugs" at least once. Now at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Dr. Haverkos estimates at least 75% of all 87 patients used oral street drugs (which include uppers, downers, LSD, PCP, cocaine, amyl and butyl nitrites, marijuana, and ethyl chloride) at least once a week for at least several years but were not IV drug users. CDC studies indicate that this sampling of 87 homosexual and bisexual patients is representative of those classified as homosexual or bisexual.

"Homosexual IV Drug Users Classified Only As Homosexuals"

CDC reporting techniques classify homosexuals and bisexuals who are IV drug users only as homosexuals and bisexuals. The CDC reports that 17% of all AIDS cases are among IV drug users. To be completely accurate, the CDC should state that 17% of all AIDS cases are among HETEROSEXUAL IV drug users. In reality, 8% of all AIDS cases are actually homosexual or bisexual IV drug users. This means that fully 25% of all AIDS cases are IV drug users when considering homosexual, bisexual, and heterosexual IV drug users as one class of all AIDS cases. Concurrently this lowers the number of homosexual or bisexual AIDS cases from the reported 73% of the total to 65% of the total AIDS cases in the country.

Gay and bisexual men who are hemophiliacs are treated in the same fashion by the CDC. Instead of being classified as hemophiliacs, they are lumped into the homosexual and bisexual category.

It is apparent that the entire risk group classifications scheme for people with AIDS needs to be revamped by the CDC. One can only wonder how many gays are classified only in the homosexual or bisexual category but could and probably should be placed in another risk-group classification which would more accurately explain their primary risk factor for acquiring AIDS.

"40% Of AIDS Cases In Non-white Population"

Recently released data from the CDC indicate that 40% of the AIDS cases in the U.S. occur in the non-white population. Blacks accounted for a staggering 25% of the total AIDS cases in this country while comprising only 12% of the total population. Hispanics or Latinos accounted for 15% of the number of AIDS cases while they account for only 6% of the population.

"Pre-existing Immune System Damage Appears To Be Key In AIDS Deaths"

It was apparent from the beginning that IV drug abusers were at risk for acquiring AIDS; however, the reason they were at risk apparently may have been totally misjudged by the CDC. The assumption at the CDC was that IV drug abusers were at risk primarily because of the sharing of needles. That is, the virus was transferred from one person to another by the sharing of the needle used to inject the drug. While this premise is undoubtedly true, the assumption that exposure to the virus ALONE could cause the condition known as AIDS is probably wrong. According to Dr. Cesar A. Caceres, a Washington, D.C. internist who has treated dozens of AIDS patients, "AIDS patients seem to have been people who already were sick in the sense of having a damaged immune system. Apparently most were sick because they abused drugs. And, we fear, some of today's drug abusers probably will be most of tomorrow's AIDS patients."

Indeed, interviews with gay physicians from coast to coast seem to back up this theory that most AIDS patients in the homosexual and bisexual category were drug or alcohol abusers. One Indiana physician stated categorically that all his AIDS patients had been or are drug and/or alcohol abusers. Of the twelve AIDS patients known personally by this writer, all twelve have been serious substance abusers. Phone interviews across the continent with people who know significant numbers of AIDS patients indicate that drug and alcohol abuse were problems with the overwhelming number of patients they knew. The only physician not reporting a significant number of alcohol and drug abusers among his patients was Dr. Brett Cassens of Philadelphia, past president of the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights, who went on to state that there is "no question that alcohol and drugs lead to poor judgment as to the kind of sex they have." When further questioned as to whether or not a study of alcohol and drug abuse as related to AIDS was warranted, Dr. Cassens gave an unqualified "Yes."

An Indiana researcher from Purdue University, Dr. Robert Norton, has applied for a federal grant to study the needs of men most at risk for AIDS. One important aspect of Dr. Norton's research will center around drug and alcohol abuse as a possible co-factor leading to AIDS deaths.

"Pre-existing Immune System Damage Accounts for 85% Of All AIDS Cases In U.S.

Pre-existing immune system damage can also be caused by poor environment (as is suspected in the case of the Haitians), serious illnesses (some of which may require blood product transfusions which could be tainted with the AIDS virus), repeated transfusions of blood products (as in the case of hemophiliacs), and deficiencies present at birth (the immune systems of the young are not fully developed or they may have a parent with AIDS).

All five of the above kinds of pre-existing immune system damage (drug abuse, poor environment, serious illness, repeated transfusions, and congenital deficiences) may account for a staggering total of 85% of all AIDS cases in the U.S. according to Dr. Caceres.

The largest unanswered questin appears to be finding the reasons why Blacks, Hispanics, and gay men are most afflicted by the condition called AIDS. The answer may be found by looking at the types of pre-existing immune-system damage. Blacks and Hispanics often live in poor environmental conditions and experience poor hygiene and diet. Blacks and Hispanics also suffer from high rates of drug and alcohol abuse. The three cities in this country with the highest rates of AIDS are New York, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. All three cities are known drug capitals of the U.S., and all three cities have high percentages of their populations that come from the high-risk groups of Blacks, Hispanics, and gay men.

But why "gay men?" Gay men, on the whole, certainly do not suffer from poor environment or nutrition due to poverty. But gay men do suffer from "social ostracism." This social ostracism of gay men is presumably what leads many gay men to abuse alcohol and drugs. Many gay men, in order to cope with being gay, are on a daily high. It is speculated that the number one and two killers of gay men between the ages of 21 and 50 in the U.S. is not AIDS, but alcohol and drug abuse. Those killers of gay men interestingly are followed by Hepatitis-B, suicide, and then AIDS.

"No Questions About Drug And Alcohol Abuse On CDC AIDS Reporting Form"

Several interviews with Centers for Disease Control officials in Atlanta left his writer aghast at the lack of knowledge exhibited by CDC officials concerning the gay community. When informed that alcohol and drug abuse were considered to be the number one and two killers of gay men in this country, each CDC official who responded expressed surprise. None were willing to go on the record for this report.

Further investigation led to the discovery that the CDC reporting form for AIDS patients that is used by each state health department contains no questions regarding alcohol or drug abuse. The only question that broaches the subject is one that asks if the patient is an "IV drug user." Only a smattering of individuals are investigating the possibility that drug and alcohol abuse are the long sought after "co-factors" leading to AIDS deaths. William Darrow's San Francisco Cohort Clinic Study and his subsequent "clustering" study, the Jaffe study in 1983, separate limited studies by Cesar A. Caceres and Harry Haverkos, and a soon-to-be-released exhaustive study of 750 NYC gay men by Dr. John L. Martin of Columbia University are the only studies that attempt to find a link between AIDS deaths and alcohol and drug abuse. None of these studies was exhaustive primarily due to the lack of research money—funding thata could and should be provided by the CDC.

Other studies have attempted to link individual drugs to AIDS, but have for the most part failed probably due to the reasoning that the co-factor leading to AIDS deaths is not a single drug, but is any drug which, if used over a period of time, could lead to immune-system damage. A recent study by Harry Haverkos did link the use of "poppers" with Kaposi's Sarcoma as did a study funded by the National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine.

Calls to the health departments of California, New York, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, and Michigan found only one health department that had gathered data separately from the required CDC reporting form. That state was Illinois. Illinois developed their own state reporting form which does ask questions on alcohol and drug abuse; however, according to Mary Huck of the Illinois State Board of Health, the data have never been compiled. According to Ms. Huck, the state of Illinois will try to compile the data on drug and alcohol abuse from its reporting form.

"Needed Is A National Study To Determine The Relationship Between Alcohol And Drug Abuse And AIDS"

It is fairly obvious from the data previously given that a case can be made for the examination of links between AIDS deaths and alcohol and drug abuse. The fact alone that most AIDS-related deaths are occurring in segments of the population highly associated with drug and alcohol abuse seems to warrant the study.

One of the larger unanswered questions is: Why do the vast majority of people exposed to the HTLV-III virus not come down with a death-dealing form of AIDS? Indeed, most who are testing positive have not even noted any recent illness. A possible answer to this question is that the AIDS virus indeed is not treated any differently by the human body than say the Hepatitis-B virus. What this simply means is that an invasion by the HTLV-III virus into the human body is thwarted by the body's normal immune-system response. If the

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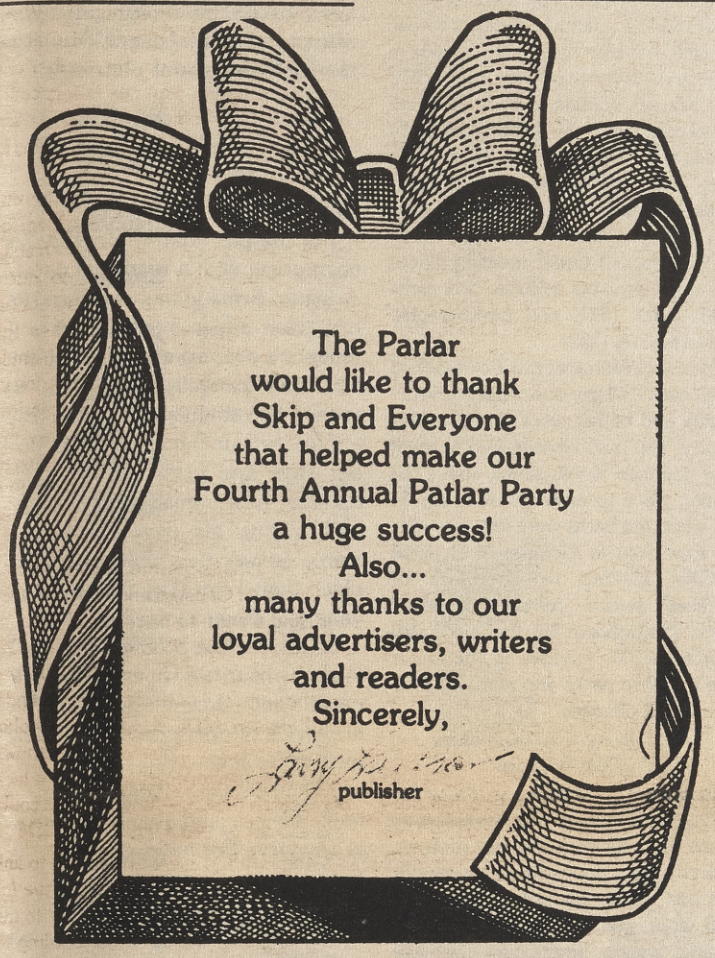

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GWM 28, 5'10', 150 lbs., nice looking, blond hair, blue eyes and relationship inclined. Looking for: honest, sincere, secure, loving, masculine, hairy (beard or moustache pref.), versatile, gentle, nice looking, non-smoker, non-drinker, non druggie, GWM between 30-45 also looking for relationship. If you fit the above, please send your photo and phone no. to: Mr. Right PL-120, c/o Patlar, PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822. I will return the same. I know you're out there!

YOU!

How about a date? Dinner? Or a movie? Or a even maybe picnic? Or maybe your place? Or mine? YOU name it. My ulterior motive? YOU! Without YOU, life is limited. With YOU, anything is possible. I am GWM, professional, working and in excellent health. I am probably old enough to be your father or your brother, but I wish to be neither. I prefer to be your friend, hoping in time to be your mate. Am a non-smoker, non-drug user. Write PL 123, PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822.

BI/ORIENTAL M early 20s, wants relationship with honest, sincere, loving, romantic, caring, non-smoker, non-druggie, healthy, slim, non-black guy under 35. I like top and bottom sex and want more than one-time sexual contact. If you're romantic and caring, make contact now! Call after 5 PM at (916) 444-3197 H.

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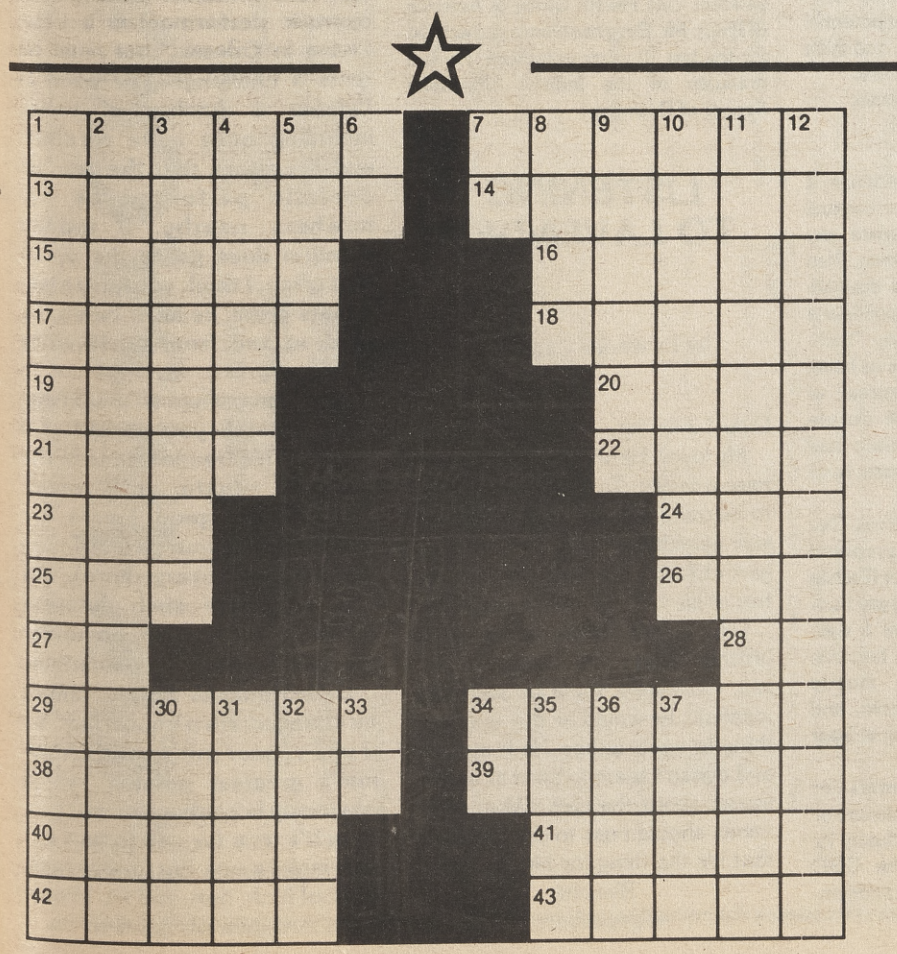

TRIMMIN'

ACROSS

1. Hank and Burr
7. Gay talker
13. Stole Christmas
14. Not encumbered (2 wds.)
15. Thing reacted (2 wds.)
16. Wing-like parts
17. Type machines
18. Christmas adjective
19. Money course (abbr.)
20. Volcano
21. Wrinkle
22. Yr. of grad. (2 abbr.)
23. Island (Fr.)
24. Ancient times
25. Of the nose
26. Santa helper
27. Pronoun
28. Conjunction
29. Winter for one
34. Note range
38. Hairdresser tints
39. Already up
40. Penetrate
41. Circular (2 wds.)
42. Restraints
43. Carpet burn cause (2 wds.)

DOWN

1. Limber preacher (2 wds.)
2. Good speaker (2 wds.)
3. Santa & Rudloph features (2 wds.)
4. Cause of halitosis
5. Free statistics info. (2 abbr.)
6. N. Eng. town inits.
7. Disease inits.
8. Biblical kingdom
9. Free-for-alls
10. Partridge location (2 wds.)
11. Mates forever (2 wds.)
12. How she liked champagne (3 wds.)
30. Against
31. Visible
32. Hockey balls
35. Manger became one
36. Tim's problem?
37. Like sobering org. (wd. & abbr.)

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DRUG ABUSE

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body's immune system is functioning normally, antibodies are formed which destroy the HTLV-III virus. On the other hand, if the body's immune system is malfunctioning due to, say, drug or alcohol abuse, then the HTLV-III virus has an open pathway to destroy the immune system itself leaving the body defenseless to thousands of diseases. The long-term effect of this theory, if found to be true, would be that the HTLV-III virus is no more of a health threat to the average human whose immune system is functioning normally than is the Hepatitis-B virus. The onus of death due to exposure to the HTLV-III virus would then primarily be borne by that small portion of the population whose immune systems are malfunctioning at the time of exposure to the HTLV-III virus. And, concurrently, those whose immune systems are not functioning normally due to alcohol and drug abuse will have an opportunity to correct their substance abuse, thereby leaving an even smaller percentage of the population at risk.

Do not misinterpret what is being said here. The HTLV-III virus is still primarily introduced into the human host by means of sexual intercourse—the exchange of body fluids—but then so is the Hepatitis-B virus as well as numerous other sexually transmitted diseases, over 50 at last count. It is still to the benefit of gay men to never be exposed to the HTLV-III virus or any other sexually transmitted disease; however, humans being the sexual creatures they are, leave little room for doubt that within the next five to ten years, well over 60% of the entire population will probably have been exposed to the AIDS virus. Whether or not you receive a death-dealing case of AIDS may likely depend upon the state of your immune system at the time you are exposed to the virus.

"Education Is The Key
To Reduction In The
Number of AIDS-Related Deaths"

It is necessary that the federal government involve itself in a national program of education on AIDS. The government needs to educate the masses starting at a very early age on human sexuality and the very real medical consequences of that sexuality. While education will not lessen the human animal's sexual needs, it might make the human animal more cautious in its sexual encounters. While education will not stop alcohol and drug abuse, it once again might make the human animal more cautious in dealing with drug usage.

But how do you educate a diverse group of people who are scattered to the four winds because of the forced closure of legitimate meeting places? It's going to be more than a little difficult to distribute "safe sex" literature and condoms in public parks and restrooms! People who wish to engage in anonymous, promiscuous sex will engage in that type of sex no matter if the government closes down the legitimate meeting places of those people. Those people will simply move the location of their sexual encounters to another less-safe location. Let's not even discuss the potential for armed robbery, blackmail, and even murder in those less-safe loctions.

"Closure Of Gay Businesses
Not The Answer To
The AIDS Problem

In the case of gay men in particular, it seems persuasive to the heterosexual community that if all legitimate gay meeting places were closed down, then the incidence of AIDS would dramatically decline. In particular the politicians would like to point to the gay "bathhouses" and "back room" bars as being the principal cause of the spread of AIDS. Attempts at bathhouse closure have occurred in San Francisco and Atlanta. In both cities, the courts have reopened the bathhouses.

Most recently talk in New York City has reached a fever pitch on proposed bathhouse closure. NYC Mayor Koch in early November began closing gay businesses with the padlocking of a well-known New York City gay bar, the Mineshaft. Several other mostly "leather" bars closed voluntarily, and Mayor Koch is now threatening at least one other.

In mid-November, the Centers for Disease Control called for the closure or regulation of the bathhouse industry by local health departments. The CDC thinks that closure will control anonymous sexual activity.

Also in mid-November, the State Health Commissioner of Indiana went so far as to call for the closure of all gay or gay-oriented businesses—bars, bathhouses, bookstores, and movie houses.

In the midst of all this insanity, Los Angeles once again reiterated its position that closure might be more harmful than beneficial, and would not close its baths or bars.

Would the closure of bathhhouses, bars, and other gay businesses significantly decrease the number of AIDS cases in this country? Using the City of San Francisco's own statistics, Alan R. Kristal, at the time director of the Office of Epidemiologic Surveillance and Statistics of New York City, stated under oath that he had "calculated a maximum overall reduction in AIDS from bathhouse closure of 0.22% (i.e., less than ¼ of 1%)." That means that had all bathhouses been closed five years ago, and assuming there are 14,000 AIDS cases in the U.S. today, then there would have been 35—that's right, 35—fewer AIDS cases than the current 14,000.

Statistics prepared by the City in the San Francisco bathhouse-closure case revealed that men having sex outside of a primary relationship (lover) met 42% of their sexual contacts in bars, 36% met sexual contacts at the office or a friend's house, and 26% met contacts in public areas. Only 14% met contacts in bathhouses. (Note: Percentages add to more than 100% due to multiple responses on meeting places.) Other meeting places for sexual contacts included sex clubs (19%), gyms (6%), and pornographic movie theaters (5%).

The conclusion that must be reached is that even if all gay businesses (primarily bars and baths) were closed in this country, gay men who wished to meet other gay men would simply move the meeting place to more public areas. In fact, when the baths were first closed in San Francisco in October 1984, local YMCAs started to complain of increased sexual contacts in their gymns. The police in San Francisco also reported a 50% increase in the arrest rates in public parks and restrooms for sex-relatred offenses.

"Use Existing Gay Businesses
To Help Educate"

The answer, it appears, is to use the existing legitimate gay meeting places as forums for educating the gay male on AIDS risk reduction—that is, on ways to have sex which do not transmit the AIDS virus, and on ways to keep the immune system functioning normally through reduction in the recreational use of drugs and alcohol. Many, many gay health clubs and bars across the country are already participating in these programs. If the legislators really feel the need to pass some legislation, then let them pass legislation requiring that all places where people come to meet other people in the hope of finding a partner for sex (both straight and gay) make available information on "safer" sex and alcohol and drug abuse.

(Stanley E. Berg, age 36, is the publisher of ***The Works Newsmagazine***, a gay publication in Indiana. He is also the founder of the Association of Independent Gay Health Clubs of America (IGHC). Mr. Berg has been a gay activist for the last 10 years in Indiana. He is a graduate of the Indiana University School of Business.)

LISTENING TO LAVENDER!

by Lavender Cantello

Dear Lavender,

My lover, Henrietta, and I want to raise a family. To do so seems to us to be quite natural. We're certainly well established and can afford to give children not only the necessities of life but also many luxuries.

I like the idea of my identical twin brother, Gary, fathering our children. Obviously, since he and I are identical, he would be the next best thing to a real father. He is straight and doesn't seem to be at all enthusiastic about the idea. What arguments should I use to convince him that it's the thing for him to do?

Blanche
(Greensboro)

Dear Blanche,

A couple of your ideas are very confusing. First of all, I take it that you were born a female and that your twin brother was born a male. If that be the case, then your brother cannot possibly be your "identical" twin, even if he looks a lot like you. Identical twins are always the same sex—with no exceptions!

Second, what in the world do you mean by his being "the next best thing to a real father?" If his sperm is used to cause conception in a female—again with no exceptions—then he is automatically the "real father" of the resulting baby.

Third, since your brother seems less than enthusiastic about your project, you would be well advised to stop pestering him. He is under no such biological obligation to you. Instead, seek advice from your physician about artificial insemination through the usual channels.

Dear Madame Cantello,

For the past eleven months, I've been going with a swell guy named Armijun. Armijun has a lot going for him. He's super intelligent, if anything he's over-educated, he's full of fun, he's gainfully employed, he speaks two languages and can read a third, he's an excellent cook, he's got style and class, he's a spiffy dresser, he's immaculate of body, he's buying his own home, he's highly sexed, he's only two years older than I am (I'm 33), and he's generally down to earth.

So what's the problem you ask? Well, Armijun is an opera queen! He owns not dozens but literally hundreds of opera records, and he must go to at least fifty operatic performances a year. And, Madame, I hate, despise, and abominate opera in any form. For me, if it's not country western, it's not music.

How can I get Armijum to come to his senses and give up all that screeching for the real thing? Not only is it a wedge between us, but I worry about him developing a hearing loss as a result of listening to all that noise.

Dana
(Odessa)

Dana Dear,

Somehow, I get the impression that you're exaggerating somewhat in the fashion that true Texas often do. Are you sure that Armijum goes to fifty operatic performances a year! Living in Odessa, that must be quite a challenge. I've been in Odessa a number of times, including once quite recently, and I'm aware that the nearest operatic performances are nowhere nearby. If indeed Armijun does go to the opera that often, I think you have a legitimate gripe; he must be on the road to and from other cities constantly.

But, Dana, when all is said and done, I think you should give Armijum his freedom (and in the process regain your own). Undoubtedly good lovers are hard to find in your part of Texas (as they are everywhere), but you two have such different tastes in music that obviously you are basically incompatible.

Opera queens simply cannot be changed; it's a known fact. So if you cannot put up with Armijum's greatest passion, which obviously is neither you nor sex, then it's time for you to bow out and make a new life for yourself. Best of luck, hon, and try to part from Armijum on good terms.

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Step 1. Enter Your Mailing Address (for our confidential use).

Step 2. Enter Your Contact Information (so new members can contact you).

Step 3. Describe Yourself by circling the word **me** beside each descriptive item which is a true description of yourself. You should circle at least one **me** under each category. Circle more than one, where appropriate.

Step 4. Describe Your Ideal Match by circling the word **veto, no, ok**, or **yes** beside each and every item, depending on the extent to which you would want that item to be true of your ideal partner.

Circle **yes** if you would like for that description to be true for your match.

Circle **ok** if you don't care one way or the other.

Circle **no** if you would not like for that description to be true for your match.

Circle **veto** if you want no matches with guys for whom that description is true, even if they have other desired qualities. **To guarantee at least 10 matches you must limit the total number of vetos to a maximum of ten.**

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Example: Here is an example of how a nonsmoker might mark the form if he considered the vices category to be his third most important category.

3 **Vices**

(me) veto no ok (yes) Nonsmoker
me veto (no) ok yes Light smoker
me (veto) no ok yes Heavy smoker

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I hereby affirm that I am at least 18 years of age and that I will hold neither ComQuest nor its agents liable for the behavior of the people I meet as a result of its services.

Signed _____ Date _____

Step 2 – Please **print** the "contact information" below which will enable new applicants who get matched to you to contact you. This must include at least your first name or pseudonym and a mailing address or phone number. You may use any remaining space to describe yourself and your interests.

Steps 3, 4, and 5 (See the instructions to the left)

____ Residence

me veto no ok yes San Francisco
me veto no ok yes Oakland (East Bay)
me veto no ok yes Palo Alto (Peninsula)
me veto no ok yes San Jose area
me veto no ok yes Guerneville (Russion River)
me veto no ok yes Sacramento area
me veto no ok yes Stockton/Modesto area
me veto no ok yes Monterey Bay area

____ Type of Relationship

me veto no ok yes Limited involvement
me veto no ok yes Deep involvement

me veto no ok yes Short term
me veto no ok yes Long term

me veto no ok yes Live apart always
me veto no ok yes Eventually live together

me veto no ok yes Open, nonexclusive
me veto no ok yes Exclusive, monogamous

____ Entertainment/Social Activities

me veto no ok yes Fine arts events
me veto no ok yes Live entertainment
me veto no ok yes Rock concerts
me veto no ok yes Spectator sports events
me veto no ok yes Going to the movies
me veto no ok yes Dining out
me veto no ok yes Parties
me veto no ok yes Dancing

____ Hobbies/Interests/Sports

me veto no ok yes Computers/electronics
me veto no ok yes Photography/arts/crafts
me veto no ok yes Aerobics/body building
me veto no ok yes Volleyball/softball/etc.
me veto no ok yes Tennis/racquetball/etc.
me veto no ok yes Cycling/skiing/swimming
me veto no ok yes Camping/hiking/climbing
me veto no ok yes Cooking or sewing

____ Economic/Job Status

me veto no ok yes Financially dependent
me veto no ok yes Unemployed
me veto no ok yes Self supporting

me veto no ok yes College student
me veto no ok yes Unskilled/semiskilled
me veto no ok yes Skilled/white collar
me veto no ok yes Business/entrepreneur
me veto no ok yes Professional/executive

____ Miscellaneous/Contact Info

me veto no ok yes Have no privacy at home
me veto no ok yes Have no transportation
me veto no ok yes Sensory/speech handicap
me veto no ok yes Ambulatory handicap

Contact information includes...

me veto no ok yes Both phone & address
me veto no ok yes Address but no phone
me veto no ok yes Phone but no address
me veto no ok yes Explicit language

____ Religious/Political Beliefs

me veto no ok yes Catholic
me veto no ok yes Protestant
me veto no ok yes Jewish
me veto no ok yes Fundamentalist

me veto no ok yes Very religious
me veto no ok yes Not very religious

me veto no ok yes Conservative
me veto no ok yes Liberal

____ Vices

me veto no ok yes Non smoker
me veto no ok yes Light smoker
me veto no ok yes Heavy smoker

me veto no ok yes Non or light drinker
me veto no ok yes Moderate drinker

me veto no ok yes Non drug user
me veto no ok yes Use inhalants
me veto no ok yes Get high frequently

____ Personality

me veto no ok yes Independent/assertive
me veto no ok yes Easy-going/passive

me veto no ok yes Self confident/outgoing
me veto no ok yes Shy/reserved/quiet

me veto no ok yes Responsible/mature
me veto no ok yes Youthful/carefree

me veto no ok yes Cool/unemotional
me veto no ok yes Warm/affectionate

____ Masculinity/Usual Attire

me veto no ok yes Very masculine
me veto no ok yes Fairly masculine

me veto no ok yes Somewhat feminine
me veto no ok yes Very feminine

me veto no ok yes Western/leather
me veto no ok yes Jeans/casual
me veto no ok yes Preppy/semiformal
me veto no ok yes Drag/Transvestite

____ Age Range

me veto no ok yes 18 to 20
me veto no ok yes 21 to 24
me veto no ok yes 25 to 29
me veto no ok yes 30 to 34
me veto no ok yes 35 to 39
me veto no ok yes 40 to 49
me veto no ok yes 50 to 59
me veto no ok yes 60 or over

____ Height/Weight

me veto no ok yes Shorter than 5'6"
me veto no ok yes Between 5'6" and 5'9"
me veto no ok yes Between 5'9" and 6 feet
me veto no ok yes Between 6 feet and 6'3"
me veto no ok yes Taller than 6'3"

me veto no ok yes Slimmer than average
me veto no ok yes Average for height
me veto no ok yes Heavier than average

____ Race/Skin/Hair Color

me veto no ok yes Dark skinned Black
me veto no ok yes Light skinned Black
me veto no ok yes Asian/Indian
me veto no ok yes Oriental
me veto no ok yes Latino/Hispanic
me veto no ok yes Brunette Caucasian
me veto no ok yes Blond Caucasian
me veto no ok yes Red haired Caucasian

____ Facial/Body Hair

me veto no ok yes Smooth hairless face
me veto no ok yes Clean shaven
me veto no ok yes Mustache
me veto no ok yes Beard

me veto no ok yes Smooth (no body hair)
me veto no ok yes Hairy legs
me veto no ok yes Hairy chest
me veto no ok yes Hairy back

____ Body Build

me veto no ok yes Muscular
me veto no ok yes Average
me veto no ok yes Delicate

me veto no ok yes Average endowment
me veto no ok yes Large endowment
me veto no ok yes Very large endowment

me veto no ok yes Circumcised
me veto no ok yes Non-circumcised

____ Favorite Bedtime Activities

me veto no ok yes Cuddling/caressing
me veto no ok yes J/O (phone or otherwise)
me veto no ok yes Other "safe" activities*

me veto no ok yes French active (giver)
me veto no ok yes French passive (receiver)

me veto no ok yes Greek active (top)
me veto no ok yes Greek passive (bottom)

me veto no ok yes Experimental/kinky

* Those who insist on "safe sex" and who prefer to use condoms if engaging in Greek or full term French activities should circle "me" and "yes" for this item. Circle "veto" if unwilling to restrict your activities to "play safe" practices.

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THE SACRAMENTO Rape Crisis Center will have training for male and female volunteers who want to aid victims of sexual assault and their significant others. Crisis intervention work provides challenges, satisfaction and opportunities for personal growth. Concerned, caring individuals are needed and encouraged to participate. For more information, contact The Sacramento Rape Crisis Center, 2224 J St., Sacramento, CA 95816, telephone (916) 447-3223.

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GOOD LOOKING GWM, 29, professional, would like to take GWM, 18-25 along for company on weekend trips. No fats or fems, just a guy who likes to have fun. Joe (707) 463-1860 weekday evenings only after 9 PM.

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GWM COUPLE, early 20s, seeking either men/couples under 30 for fun, friendship, travel & ? Write to: D & P, c/o Patlar, PL-117, PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822.

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TOP THIS HOT BOTTOM gwm 32 masculine, discreet, out and days only, leave name, phone number and best time to call you back with answering service. Mark Deeb, 442-3734.

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GAY COUPLE, early 30's, wishes to meet other gay couples for occasional camping, bicyclying or dinner out. Write: Couple, PL-108, c/o THE PATLAR, PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822.

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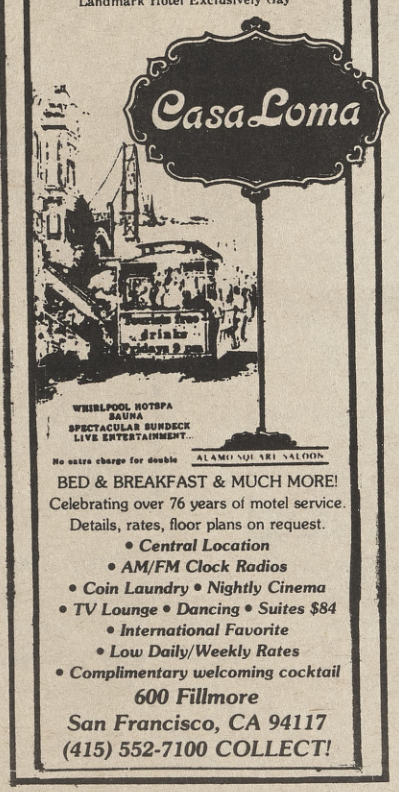

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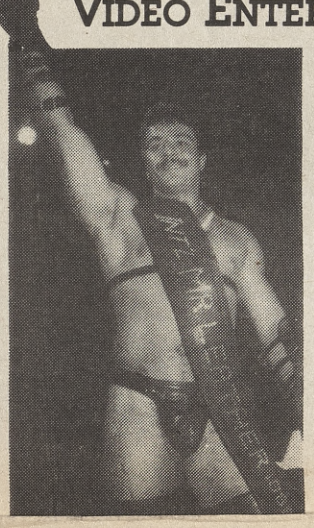

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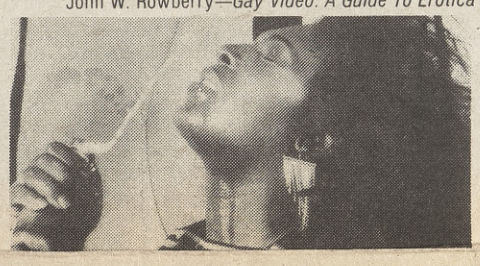

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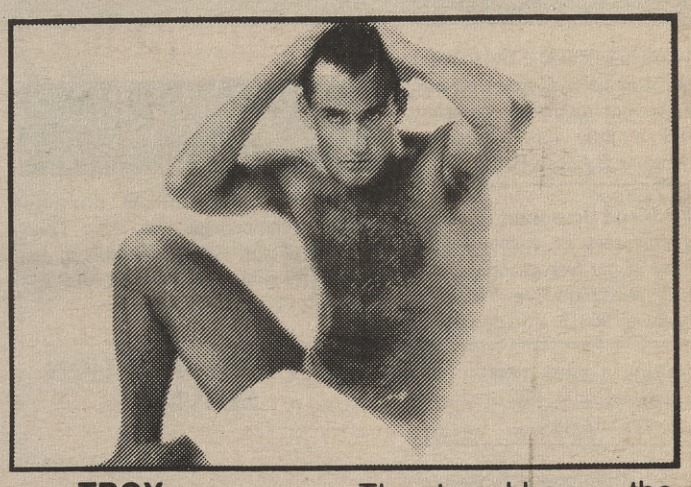

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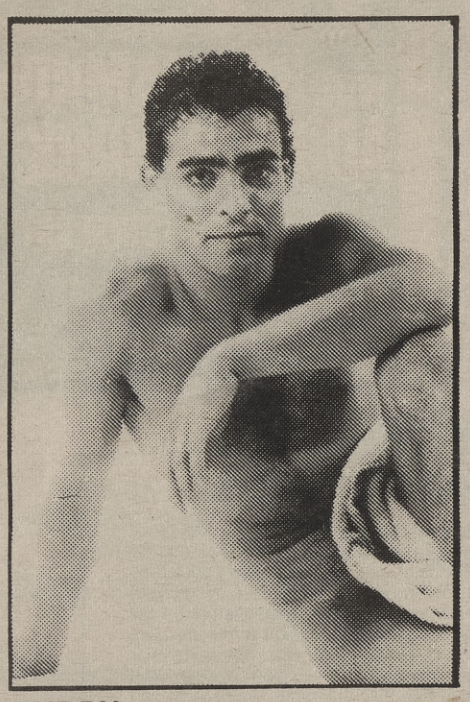

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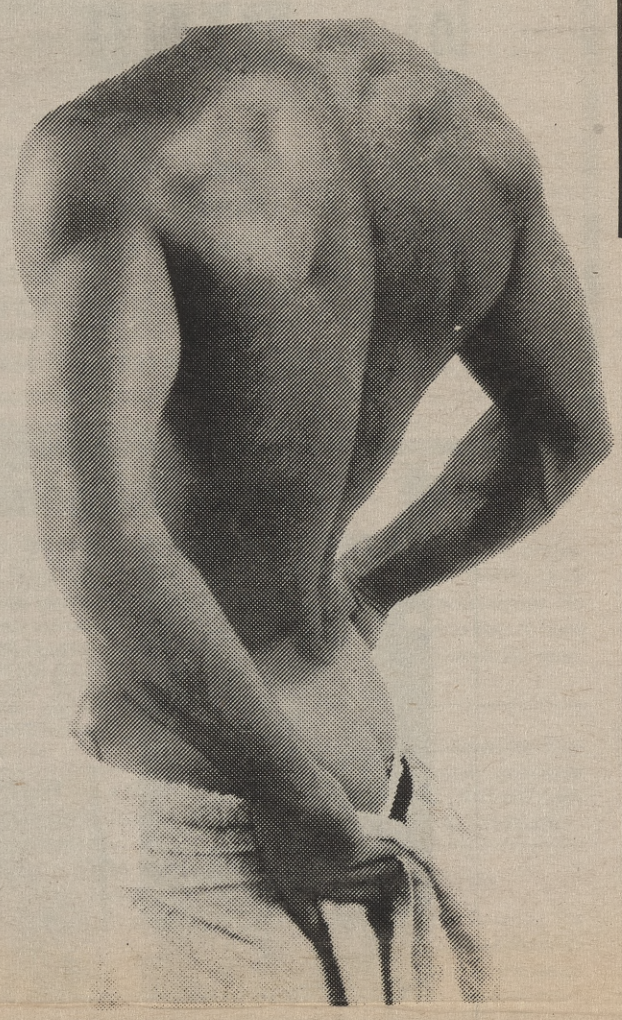

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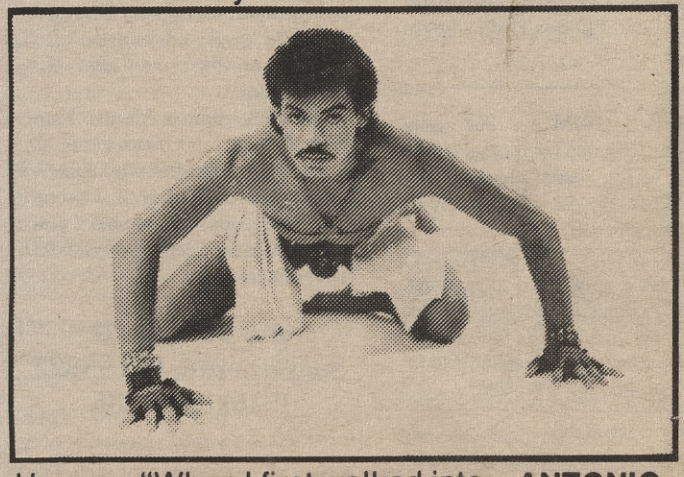

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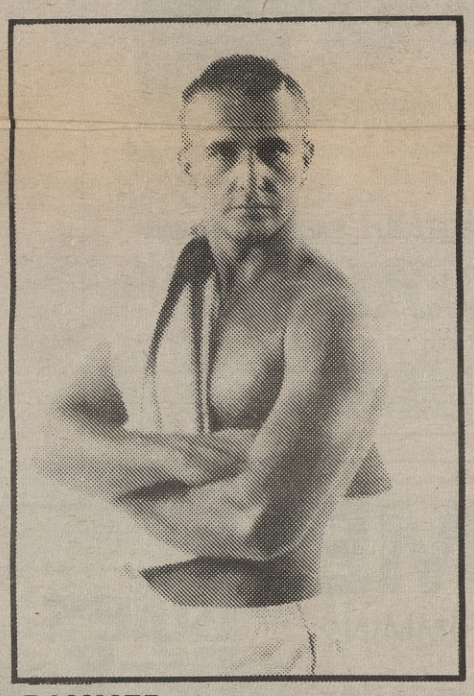

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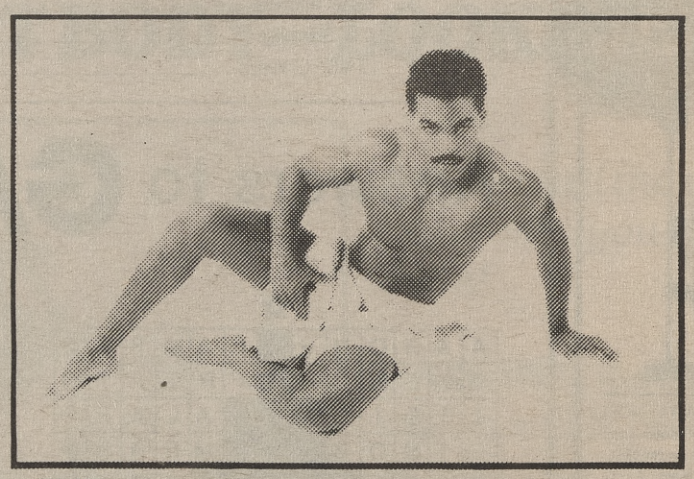

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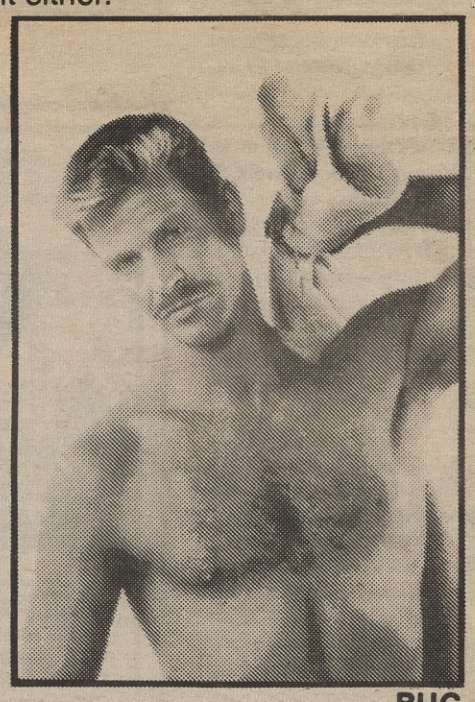

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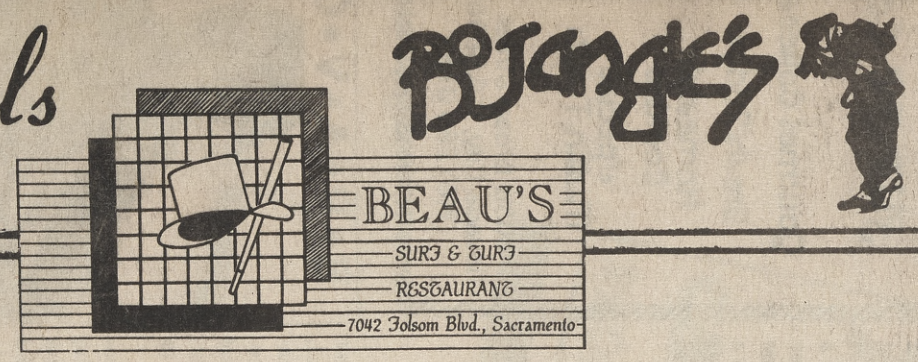

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PROGRESSIVE DOOR CHARGE
STARTS AT 8 PM.

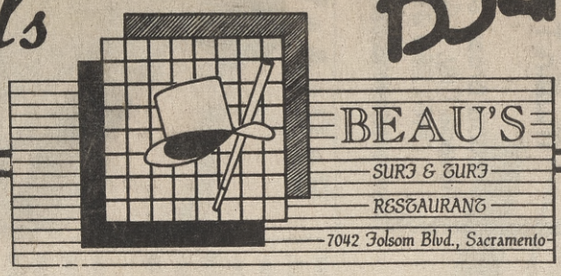
Sunday Dec 8th:
Michael's Country
Christmas Show
No Charge!

Sunday Dec 22nd:
Annual Formal
Christmas Party
7 pm., No Charge!

Every Fri, Sat & Sun:
CLEO'S BARGE (Van) will depart 20th & 'K' streets, downtown,
enroute to Cleo's. Return on the half hour. $1.00 charge.
Drink and don't worry about driving!
SAVE YOUR 502'S... RIDE THE BARGE!

2840 Auburn Blvd. Sacramento 973-8927

Scandals



BJangles

FULL LIQUOR • FINE DINING • FULL DANCE BAR

7042 Folsom Blvd. Sacramento, CA (916) 383-9882

December 31:

NEW YEAR'S EVE

$5.00 ALL YOU CAN DRINK!

WELL DRINKS & DRAFT BEER
FROM 6 PM to 10 PM

HOT STRIP SHOW
AT 11 PM.

DRINK SPECIALS: ALL NIGHT LONG

AT MIDNIGHT:

GRAB A BALLOON
OVER

$1,000

in cash and prizes

AFTER HOURS
NEW YEAR'S EVE
2 AM TO ?